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Snail's place first

A SNAIL'S journey has helped one photographer capture the spirit of our city and parks.

This photograph was picked from 540 entries as part of The Parks Trust Photography Competition to celebrate the beautiful parks, landscapes, architecture and life in Milton Keynes.

Daniel Megherlich from Medbourne was the the overall winner as well as adult winner in the wildlife category.

Speaking at last night's presentation David Foster, chief executive of The Parks Trust said: "The competition had a very high standard of entries and we were really pleased that so many people found inspiration in our parks and city. The winning image was a firm favourite with all the judges. Above and beyond being a wonderful image, it captures the imagination and inspires the viewer to think about the snail's story, its journey, and ultimate goal."

The competition was held throughout the summer and judged by The Parks Trust, Milton Keynes Partnership and Milton Keynes College.

The competition had four different categories for both adults and young people, including wildlife; landscape; parklife and a fourth category MK Life to highlight the wider aspects of the city.

A free exhibition of the competition images starts at Milton Keynes Theatre today until February 15 from 10am to 10pm each day.

A delighted Daniel Megherlich with his winning snail picture

Charges against student G20 'prankster' dropped

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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A STUDENT arrested for staging a satirical stunt at the G20 protests has had his charges dropped.

Stephen Gibbens was one of the 'Space Hijackers' who parked a blue armoured car outside the Royal Bank of Scotland during the London summit in April.

The 21-year-old from Kingsmead wore a blue boiler suit and a riot helmet while inside a six-wheel vehicle emblazoned with the word 'Riot' and police chequered livery.

"It was meant to be funny," said the former Royal Latin and Two Mile Ash pupil.

The prank, which took place on April Fool's Day, was an attempt to 'thrust the sword of satire at the state' while thousands of protesters descended on the City.

In the process Mr Gibbens and ten fellow demonstrators were arrested and charged with impersonating police officers.

Their four-day trial at Westminster Magistrates' Court was due to start next week.

But on Friday the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) admitted many members of the public knew it was a stunt, and conviction relied on proving the 'Space Hijackers' had intent to deceive.

"I was a bit surprised that they didn't drop the charges earlier I didn't think there was ever a case in the first place," said Mr Gibbens, who has been with the group during three years studying linguistics at Queen Mary.

"We were just there to show how militarised the police are becoming, to expose the fact that they deal with people very violently. They were hyping everyone up before hand, saying they were up for it. We thought that was a step too far. We went along and they didn't take too kindly to that."

Now the group is considering suing the City of London police.

Raj Chada of solicitors Hodge Jones Allen said: "We are looking at grounds for civil action. They want their tank back. There is also the question of whether the tank is damaged. We will also look at whether there's any malicious prosecution."

Alison Saunders, CPS London Chief Crown Prosecutor, said: "In order to prosecute an individual with impersonating a police officer the CPS must prove that an individual did so with intent to deceive. Although we had evidence from a police officer that within the context of the G20 protest some members of the public did believe these individuals to be police officers, this further evidence indicates that others did not and that there was no intent to do so."

Mr Gibbens has vowed to remain a member of the group, known for stunts such as hijacking a Circle Line carriage on the Underground and nailing benches to the ground.

He added: "We are about showing that public spaces are for the public. There are lots of controls which aren't for safety, they just stop people doing what they want."

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First of Fromelles war dead buried

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THE first of 250 soldiers who fell at the Battle of Fromelles has been laid to rest.

Eight of the 2,283 victims of the July 1916 battle came from Milton Keynes, serving with the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.

On Saturday one of the bodies exhumed from the mass grave in northern France was given a burial with full military honours in a newly built cemetery.

The painstaking process, led by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, coincided with an appeal for relatives to come forward.

Descendents of Private Frank Herbert Andrews and Private Richard William Guntrip from New Bradwell, as well as Corporal Edward Charlie Battams, from Bletchley, have come forward.

The CWGC is still searching for the relatives of Corporal Albert Victor Fincher, from New Bradwell, Private Benjamin William Green Warr, from Bletchley, Private Frank Sidney Hodgson, from Wolverton, and Private Frederick Thomas Willis, from Stony Stratford.

Data analysists are trying to match up the DNA profiles and information from artefacts with the anthropological, archaeological and historical information provided by families.

Identification will begin to be announced in March with families being given the chance to have a personal inscription for the headstone.

If no identity or nationality can be confirmed they will be buried with a headstone marked 'Known unto God'.

Ranald Leask of the CWGC said: "Saturday's reburial was a hugely moving experience for all involved. The Commission has worked hard to ensure that the new Fromelles (Pheasant Wood) Cemetery was ready in time and it was gratifying to receive so many thanks from those who attended, and to read their comments in the visitors book."

If you think you are related to any soldier on the list of missing men go to www.fromelles.org and contact the team.

Stadium memorial event marks liberation of Nazi death camps

STUDENTS will get the chance to learn about the Holocaust at a special memorial event at stadiummk.

The tenth anniversary event 'The Legacy of Hope' takes place on February 10.

The day will include a programme of music, dance and drama and students will listen to talks by a new generation of survivors of more recent genocides.

These include Beatha Uwazaninka who will tell her story of strength and survival by witnessing the genocide in Rwanda despite, at the age of 14, losing her entire family and over 70 relatives in the 100 days genocide.

And Kemal Pervanic who was targeted for being a Muslim in the region of Bosnia he grew up in and survived the concentration camps during the Bosnian war at the mercy of guards who were his former neighbours and even schoolmates.

For the past ten years, history teacher Paul Salver has been bringing the lessons of the Holocaust and genocides around the world to young people by organising the annual events and visits to Auschwitz to experience the horrors of the death camps at first hand.

In 2007 he received a national award from the Holocaust Educational Trust for his contribution in furthering Holocaust Education in schools.

He said: "I first went to Auschwitz in 1999 and it really changed everything for me, not just in my teaching, but in a passion it gave me. I can only hope that what we have done in Milton Keynes has encouraged young people to think and realise the importance of respect, tolerance and diversity in our community."

The event coincides with the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau in January 1945 and will also be attended by an array of local and national VIPs.

In addition, there will be presentations by students from Leon School and Lord Grey School reflecting on their recent trip to Auschwitz, survivor Gena Turgel and students on current human rights issues.

Man found guilty of redway sex attacks

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Robert Horne: Guilty of redway sex attacks on three women

A MAN has been found guilty of carrying out a series of sexual attacks on women on the city's redways.

Robert Horne, 25, from Garbo Close, Crownhill has been found guilty by a jury of eight men and four women after a three-week trial at Huntingdon Crown Court.

He carried out attacks on three women, the youngest aged 15, as they walked alone on redways within a five week period last spring.

Horne grabbed all the women from behind and dragged them into bushes bordering the redways.

He told them not to look at him and ordered them to remove their own clothes before sexually assaulting them.

The first incident happened on May 2, 2009 when a 30-year-old woman was walking towards the city centre on the redway that runs parallel with the V7 Saxon Street near Bradville shortly after 5am.

In a video recorded police interview played during the trial, the victim described how a man 'jumped' onto her, knocking her to the floor, and then forced her into the bushes where he sexually assaulted her and robbed her hand bag.

She said: "He held my neck very, very hard. I couldn't breathe for about 20 seconds. I couldn't do anything. I was terrified."

The second attack happened at around 5pm on May 27.

The 50-year-old victim said she was attacked while walking on the redway near to the Mount Farm roundabout in Bletchley.

The man attempted to rape her, sexually assaulted her and stole her hand bag.

Horne had admitted that he was in the area at the time, but claimed he was trying to steal the contents of vans and lorries in the nearby industrial estate.

A 15-year-old girl was attacked on June 5 while walking along Railway Walk near Great Linford at around 10pm.

The court heard Horne was on the redway with his girlfriend and two friends playing with a mini moto that evening and was separated from the others as the group returned to Bradville.

Having seen the victim walk past earlier, Horne ran up behind her, put both his hands over her mouth and threw her down an embankment.

He then sexually assaulted her during an 11 minute attack and stole £60 cash.

In a video recorded police interview played to the court the victim said: "I screamed and he put his hands around my mouth and told me if I carried on screaming he would strangle me to death."

Horne was found guilty of five counts of sexual assault, one count of attempted rape and three counts of robbery in relation to the attacks.

He will be sentenced at Peterborough Crown Court on a date still to be fixed.

Detective Chief Inspector Joe Kidman, who led the investigation, said: "Thames Valley Police welcome the conviction of Robert Horne for this series of sexual attacks and robberies on women in Milton Keynes in May and June last year.

"First of all I must pay tribute to the courage and dignity of the women, and their families, who gave evidence.

"They did so not least out of a sense of duty to other women.

"After many months they are working to get on with their lives.

"Investigations such as these, linking together three separate attacks, are always challenging and difficult.

"I would like to thank the members of the public who came forward with valuable information, as well as the investigation team who have worked with great dedication since these attacks to achieve this conviction."

Hospital plea on winter vomiting bug

MK Hospital is asking people who are feeling unwell to stay away to prevent the spread of a winter virus.

Norovirus, commonly known as the winter diarrhoea and vomiting bug, is circulating in Milton Keynes.

In order to control the spread of the virus Milton Keynes NHS Foundation Trust would like to remind people visiting relatives or friends in the hospital that they should not come to the hospital if they are feeling unwell or if their visit is not necessary.

Angie Legate, assistant director of infection control said: "Safety is our top priority and that's why we are saying to people who have had the virus or been in close contact with someone who has it to take precautions to avoid spreading it.

"People should refrain from visiting the hospital if they are feeling unwell have had the bug over the past three days."

The first signs of a norovirus infection are usually a sudden onset of nausea, followed by projectile vomiting and diarrhoea.

As a result of cases being found in the hospital this week three wards have been closed to new admissions.

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Send illegals back or let them work

SIR – I am incensed by the 'Illegal workers at kosher meat plant' article in MK NEWS last week.

How does it help anyone arresting these men trying to earn a living? Would society prefer them to starve, steal, collect handouts – or work?

It does not make sense to use manpower and all the expense involved just to stop them working.

If people are here illegally we must either send them back or let them support themselves.

I believe people escaping poor circumstances will work hard and be an asset to this country.

We should not make them into lazy unemployed people and then complain how immigrants are burdening the UK.

The article says 'it's not a victimless crime', I do not understand, it seems to me everyone is a victim here of bureaucracy and the taxpayer is financing the unhelpful activity of the UK Border Agency.

Anne Gibson
Sent by e-mail

Dying for a fag

SIR – How dare the 'smoking pensioner' moan that his tobacco has been confiscated?

He went abroad to buy his tobacco, thus depriving HM Customs and Revenue its due. (Yes I agree the tax is too high).

How would he feel, mind you, if, when he develops a smoking-related illness, that he was told to go back to the country he purchased his tobacco from to receive his health care?

If you deprive our Government of its tax, then don't expect health care from the NHS that is funded from tax.

Tom
Name and address supplied

Tesco points

SIR – Well done Tesco's. Long overdue – Wolverton so needs you.

It's OK wanting to keep the small independent traders but you just can't attract them.

I was born and bred in Wolverton and I'm ashamed of the place now, it's just a ghost town.

We used to have a lovely market but the Agora ruined everything.

Many people said Tesco's was too small when it was first built because it served a lot of local villages as well as Wolverton.

Let's face it, it's the only good thing in Wolverton now.

Shireen
Sent by e-mail

■ SIR – Is there really any need to destroy Wolverton's local retail economy with yet another Tescos leviathan on the same scale as the nightmare which is the Kingston store?

Ed
Sent by e-mail

Tesco the only reason to pay visit to Wolverton

SIR – I read, with interest, your article in MK NEWS 20/01/10 and previous articles on the subject of Tesco's expansion in Wolverton.

Can I just say that I do most of my weekly shopping at that store and because of this (for Jamie Chalmers' benefit) I have also used shops and businesses in and around the Agora Centre.

If Tesco wasn't in the town, I would probably find no reason to go to Wolverton at all.

My nearest town is Stony Stratford, where I go probably once a week for various things – for one or two items I'll walk down to my local shop.

If Tesco wasn't in Wolverton, I'd probably go to Morrisons in Westcroft for a major shop as Budgens in Stony is a little too small and expensive for that.

My main concerns are that Tesco will become such a size that it will be a big problem parking (as in Kingston), finding what you want without having to retrace your steps for what seems like a mile when you realise the product you want is near the entrance and queuing to pay, before trying to find your car again (and for the councillors reading, have you ever tried to take your weekly family shop home on a bus, or two in my case?).

And will Tesco still have a store open while the expansion takes place?

If not, maybe I'll try the new Sainsbury's.

Mike Crocombe
Two Mile Ash

Reverse in – drive out

SIR – Regarding an article in your paper on January 20.

While it is a tragic waste of life, the death of Mr Burt could so easily have been avoided if Mr Hammond had paid attention to the Highway Code and followed the advice of rule 201 which states that 'when using a driveway, reverse in and drive out' then this accident could have been avoided.

It seems to me that very few people heed this advice and if Mr Hammonds' drive is situated so close to a roundabout as stated in your article, then surely he should have been even more aware of the dangers of reversing out onto a main road.

It would be disengenuous to try and put the blame onto Mr Burt's shoulders as he is no longer alive to defend himself, but at 87 he may well not have had such acute hearing as when he was younger and modern cars are so much quieter that he may not have heard it reversing.

His attention may also have been distracted by his dog and he may not have been expecting a car to be reversing out of a driveway.

Mr Corner, the coroner, said that it was a conundrum as to how the accident happened and Mr Hammond will have this tragedy on his conscience for ever.

But let us hope that another death can be prevented by drivers paying more attention to good driving habits and think of all other road users when behind the wheel.

Derek Harpur
North Crawley

Road outrage

SIR – Apologies. Just a note to say sorry to the driver that I shocked this morning who was driving on the southbound V7 Saxon Street between the H6 and H7 at 8.37am last Saturday.

I was the cyclist you hit.

It must have been awful for you. You did brake after the collision to see what it was that you hit but you were obviously in a hurry and did not have time to actually stop and check that I was OK.

You will no doubt be relieved that I am OK and only suffered a bruised hand where your wing mirror hit it.

I guess you will be even more relieved to know that I was so shocked that I did not get chance to get your registration number.

Just for the record, I was wearing a bright yellow top and, yes, I was wearing a helmet. The sun was shining. The road was virtually deserted.

Sorry, I hope I did not spoil your day.

David Hudson
Milton Keynes Village

Animal cash thanks

SIR – Founded in 1990, Animal Defenders International actively works to protect animals in entertainment and research by lobbying for legislative change, public awareness campaigns and rescue/rehoming programmes.

A street collection to raise funds for our animal rescue work was held in Newport Pagnell on 16 January 2010. Our collectors Mr Owen and Mr Simpson raised £57.26.

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Climbing high for Haiti quake victims

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A SCHOOLGIRL is to climb the equivalent of 325 metres to raise money for the survivors of the earthquake in Haiti.

Seven-year-old Willow Pochin, from Windsor Street, Wolverton, will be climbing to the top of the 13 metre high Ellis Brigham Climbing Wall in Xscape, Central Milton Keynes, 25 times.

Willow, who attends Wyvern School in Wolverton, said she wanted to help after seeing pictures of the devastation in Haiti in newpapers and on the television.

"It made me feel sad," she said.

"I want to help them get food and water. I know it will be hard work but it is worth it knowing I will be helping others."

Willow has been climbing for nine months and attends a climbing club and courses at the Xscape three times a week.

She will carry out the sponsored climb alone on Monday, February 22 starting at 5pm.

It is expected to take her around two hours.

Jelena Pochin, Willow's mum, said: "She is a great climber.

"The staff are impressed with how quickly she has learned."

Willow has already raised her original target of £300 and hopes to collect more donations.

To sponsor Willow visit www.supportunicef.org.uk/Willowsclimb

High raiser: Willow Pochin on the 13 metre high climbing wall in Xscape

■ ROTARY club members have camped out in a supermarket to raise money for victims of the Haiti earthquake.

The Rotary Club of Wolverton & Stony Stratford raised more than £2,200 collecting donations from shoppers while in a ShelterBox tent in Sainsbury's store in Central Milton Keynes on Saturday.

■ A HAITI charity gig is taking place this Sunday at the Ramada Encore Hotel.

The event will feature live music from Nicky Prince and Soul Selecta and also the Peter Daley Quartet and DJ Darren Baker

Entry is£5 and is from 7-11pm.

**** response as council posts bank details to the wrong people

THE council has apologised for an error that meant bank details were sent to the wrong people.

Milton Keynes Council delivered approximately 100 people's details, including their bank account number and sort code, to the wrong people after a mistake was made while sending out a batch of bank transfer payment remittances on January 18.

The council sent out around 80 remittances to benefits claimants and 140 to a mix of individuals and businesses.

As the notes were accidentally printed on both sides, half of the envelopes were empty and half had a remittance note belonging to someone else printedon the reverse.

Council chief executive, David Hill, revealed the mistake to the council's cabinet committee last week.

A spokesman for the council told MK NEWS yesterday that it had received four complaints.

He said: "We are deeply sorry for any concern caused over the erroneous sharing of the bank details of a small number of our customers. We have written to these customers to apologise and, following an immediate investigation, we have taken steps to ensure the error cannot be repeated.

"These include extra checks that each remittance has the correct number of 'sides' and we now ensure that the first four digits of a customer's account number are replaced with asterisks.

"This practice is common in the banking world, but it varies from council to council."

Fire service tax rise

THE fire service is to consider a 2.5 per cent rise in its share of council tax.

Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority will consider the increase at its meeting on February 12.

It would put the annual band D charge up by £1.44 for the year, from £57.69 in 2009-2010 to £59.13 in 2010-2011.

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Pensioner, 81, died after tackling fire

BY LAURA HANNAM
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THE family of an elderly Bletchley man who died after trying to tackle a fire in his home have paid tribute to him.

John Arthur Reeve, 81, died in hospital after firefighters found him on the floor of a smoke-filled landing in his house in Banburies Close at 8.35pm on January 22.

His stepson, Mark Griffin told MK NEWS: "He was a great friend and great family man; one of life's great characters. He is sorely missed."

An inquest, opened on Monday, heard that a fire started in the upstairs room of the house caused by clothing on top of or near a heater.

John Arthur Reeve: Died after fighting a fire at his home

Coroner's officer Christopher Townsend said: "It appears that Mr Reeve attempted to fight the fire but suffered burns and collapsed on the landing."

The emergency services were called by neighbours who saw smoke coming through the adjoining wall into their house.

Firefighters led Mr Reeve's wife, Jean, to safety from a downstairs room in the house.

Mr Reeve was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital where he died at 1.10am the following morning.

Mr Griffin said his father was a carpenter by trade, but had worked as a driver for Trimoco, a commercial vehicle dealer in Dunstable, for 20 years before he retired.

He had one daughter, three step children, six grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

The inquest was adjourned until June to await the results of a post-mortem.

Tribute concert for former music teacher

FORMER pupils of a respected music teacher are being invited to attend a tribute concert.

Milton Keynes Music Service is trying to trace former pupils of Tess May, a respected brass peripatetic teacher, who died suddenly last year.

The concert is at Ousedale School in Newport Pagnell on Saturday, February 12 at 7.30pm.

A spokesman for the service said: "Tess was well-known throughout Milton Keynes for her dedication to her pupils, friendship, commitment and musicianship. The concert will be an opportunity for everyone to come together and celebrate her life."

If you were taught by or knew Tess you are welcome to attend.

Tickets cost £10 each (£5 concessions) from Helen Palmer at Milton Keynes Music Service, Simpson, MK6 3AF, from Monday to Friday, 2-4.30pm. Tickets can be reserved until Friday, February 5- call 01908 359446.

Proceeds will be shared between the charity Headway and an MK Horn scholarship, which will be given to the service's most worthy student.

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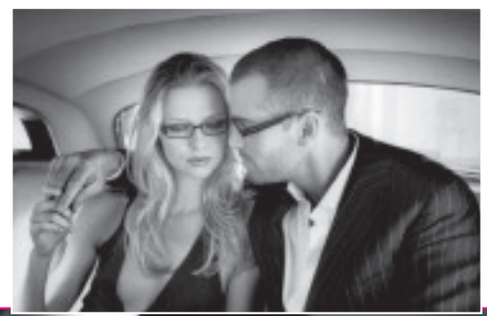

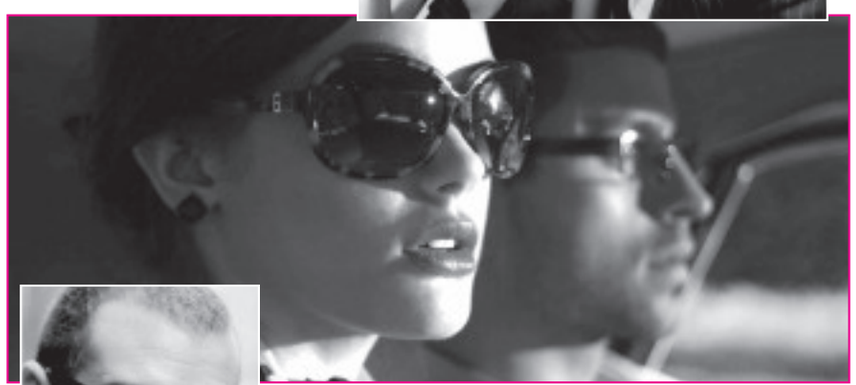

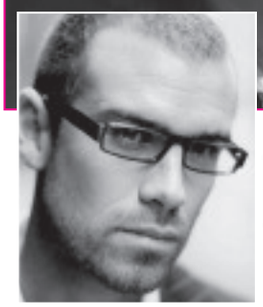

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Outdoor pool makes way for a new £7.5m facility

BY LAURA HANNAM
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Residents face waiting more than 18-months for a swim – and current youth club site may have to be demolished

PLANS to build a new swimming pool in Wolverton have taken a leap forward.

Milton Keynes Council has decided to place a new 25 metre community pool on the site of the existing outdoor facility in Aylesbury Street West.

The council's cabinet dismissed proposals to build the pool on an area fronting Stratford Road, which received the most support during a public consultation in the town, due to fears it may not be able to buy the land needed from Radcliffe School.

Cllr Vanessa McPake, cabinet member for leisure, said during the meeting on Tuesday, January 26: "It was very clear from the consultation that the majority of residents don't really care where it is they just want a new pool now.

"We have managed to get this for Bletchley and that's what I want for the people of Wolverton.

"This has gone on for too long. We have got the money, we have got the land, let's do it now."

The current youth club site may have to be demolished.

The council plans to build a new access road and cycle path from the Great Monks Street roundabout.

Work on the detailed designs for the pool are to start immediately.

The facility, which will include a six lane pool and a gym, is set to cost more than £7.5million.

Funding will come from the city's growth area allocation from the Government.

Left: An artist's impression of the entrance to the new pool at Wolverton

Below Aerial view and plan

It is hoped construction will start before March 2011 and that the pool will open in September 2012.

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'Mad moment' saw start of The Stables

40th birthday of music venue that some people said would never get off the ground

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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Cleo Laine and John Dankworth: Founded The Stables back in 1970

MUSIC lovers are celebrating a moment of madness which resulted in four decades of performance.

This week The Stables Theatre in Wavendon marks its 40th anniversary, despite people telling founder Cleo Laine it would never get off the ground.

"When we started it a lot of people thought we were out of our skulls," the world renowned jazz singer told MK NEWS.

"A place 50 miles north of London – in an old stables. This is not the sort of thing two people still working all over the world should start, they said. But we were quite convinced it was something we had to do. We had to put something back after the success we had."

She featured in the first public performance at the converted stables on February 6, 1970, along with husband John Dankworth.

Friends such as classical guitarist John Williams, who even helped build the auditorium, and pianist Andre Previn were also on the bill.

Its longevity, according to Cleo, is down to these and many other star-studded supporters.

The philosophy has been to preserve the diversity of music on offer, a concept they described as 'Allmusic'.

In fact, last year the Performing Rights Society (PRS) named the Stables as the sixth best venue in the country, above even the Royal Albert Hall.

"Being put in sixth place by the PRS was quite a thing to achieve for a 450-seat theatre. Our aim for the future is to keep to keep its head above water financially - that's the most important thing," said Cleo.

"We always thought it would go on forever and ever. I may not be around for the next 40 years but I hope The Stables will continue for as long as it can."

A sold-out 40th anniversary concert is taking place this Saturday, with a glittering line-up yet to be announced.

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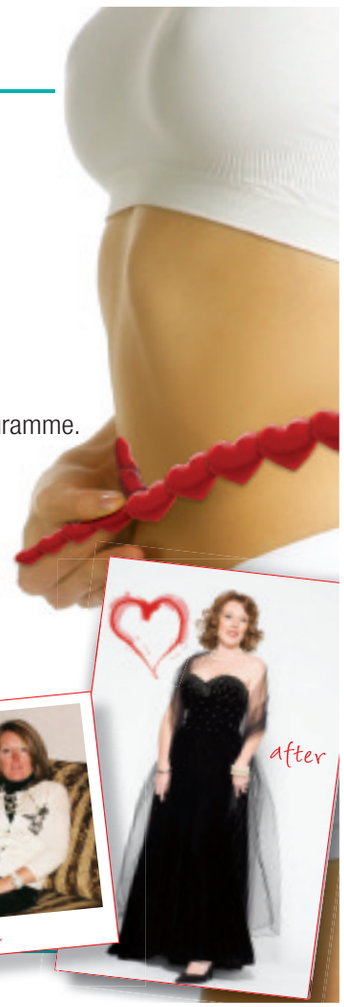

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Police close Secklow Gate as the fire rages in the market below. The bridge will rmain closed for weeks

Bridge damaged in market blaze

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A BRIDGE in the city centre is to be closed for weeks after a fire in the market place.

Secklow Gate will remain closed between the junctions with Midsummer Boulevard and Silbury Boulevard for five to six weeks while council engineers carry out structural tests on the fire-damaged areas.

The fire broke out while a welder was working on a stall – which sells smoking accessories – under the road bridge in the open air market near Midsummer Arcade,at around 2pm last Wednesday.

Five stalls were damaged in the blaze which 35 firefighters fought for hours to get under control.

Brian Nunan, managing director of Bray Associates, which runs the market, said: "We were just finishing the refurbishment of the market, which is costing £100,000.

"A subcontractor was working on one of the stalls when we believe a spark went onto the sheets."

Smoke was noticed and set off the fire alarms which are installed in each of the stalls.

Some of the market staff tried to fight the fire with an extinguisher, but it spread too quickly.

Firefighters had to use hydraulic equipment to gain access to some of the stalls and had to move a number of gas cylinders away from the fire.

Four other stalls damaged included a key cutter, nail bar and sweet and hair product vendor.

Smoke billows over thecentre:mk after a welder sparked a market stall fire

A safety cordon was put in place around parts the shopping centre, parts of which were evacuated.

Mr Nunan added: "Five of the stall holders have been affected and they have all been offered assistance from us to get new stock and start again."

The market reopened the following day.

Council rethink on parking charges

THE council is to go back to the drawing board with plans to change parking charges in the city centre.

Milton Keynes Council's cabinet decided to carry out another review on parking changes in the light of the outcry rom residents and businesses.

Cllr Alan Mallyon, cabinet member for parking, told councillors at a meeting last Tuesday that the current system is 'too complicated for people to understand' and is expensive to administrate.

The review will cover every aspect of parking in and around Central Milton Keynes.

It will also address the unpopularity of the previously publicised parking proposals, which include introducing charges on currently free spaces in North and South Row and parts of the Food Hall and controversial plans to give non Milton Keynes residents who work in the city a 10 per cent discount on parking, while employees who live in the city can have a 50 per cent discount.

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RAF corporal Katie Lowndes

RAF cop from MK on duty in Afghanistan

Policewoman mans isolated checkpoint with one soldier and an interpreter

BY LAURA HANNAM
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AN RAF policewoman from Milton Keynes has spoken of her work in Afghanistan keeping British troops safe.

Katie Lowndes, 21, a Royal Air Force (RAF) Kinloss corporal, guards the main entry points at Camp Bastion, the giant UK and US base in Afghanistan's desert, home to some 14,500 British, US and NATO troops and civilian personnel.

Katie, whose parents Jane and Martin Edwards, brother Daniel, 16, and sister Georgia, 12, live in Milton Keynes, also mans an outpost one kilometre away from the main base, with just one other British soldier and an interpreter for company.

She said: "It's the very, very first one. There are two RAF personnel out there on our own, it's the first point of contact."

With suicide bombers an ever present threat, it can be tense.

"You have to be really vigilant at all times out there," she said.

"You have to be really on the ball and know your drills."

Katie's and her team of 40 men and women check some 150 vehicles a day and up to 300 people, using sniffer dogs and other devices.

Katie spends a lot of the day in conversation with local Afghans, trying to pick up their language, Pashtun.

She said: "I meet a lot of different people every day. They like to teach you their language.

"You do get some really genuinely nice people out here and it's good to meet people from different cultures. The few that do speak English do say thank you."

She added: "It is beautiful out here as well, absolutely fantastic - especially up on Check Point One when you are sat there and it's quiet and you can just see the mountains in the distance. It's really, really lovely."

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Fat fighters flying out festive food for forces

A GYM has helped people shed the pounds while supporting the armed forces.

Throughout January, the Energie Fitness Club in the Theatre District took leftover Christmas treats from its members as part of its 'Fit Not Fat Amnesty'.

Staff launched the scheme in a bit to help would-be slimmers avoid calorie-packed temptations from the festive break.

Mince pies, Christmas puddings, cakes and chocolates were among the 40 treats collected over the past four weeks from both members and non-members.

Now the donations are being packaged up and send to service men and women fighting in Afghanistan.

Fitness expert and general manager at the club, Gary Corby, said: "We're so pleased the campaign was met with such enthusiasm.

Charlie-Ann Robinson of the Energie Fitness club in the Theatre District has collected uneaten festive treats for soldiers with its Fit Not Fat Amnesty

Post Christmas is the busiest time of the year for people looking to shift a few pounds, lose excess inches and feel better about themselves which is why I think we collected so much.

"Rather than throw unwanted tempting treats away, we wanted to send them to troops abroad as our way of thanking them for their hard work."

Call Energie on 01908 351140 for more information on the campaign.

£1,000 stolen from hospice charity shop

BURGLARS broke into a charity shop and stole over £1,000 cash.

Sometime between 5pm on Saturday, January 23 and 4.30pm on Sunday, January 24, offenders gained entry to Willen Hospice's charity shop in Queensway, Bletchley.

PC Karla Standen, investigating, said: "The staff at the store are volunteers who help support the charity and they have been left very upset by the burglary.

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Sue Dearlove and Sara Hollis from Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust meet the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown

Water jug nurses meet PM Brown

BY LAURA HANNAM
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THREE staff from Milton Keynes Hospital have met the Prime Minister.

They were invited to 10 Downing Street to a reception to celebrate nurses in the NHS.

The afternoon reception was an exclusive gathering where the Milton Keynes team met the Prime Minister Gordon Brown as well as the Health Minister, Ann Keen, and other senior figures from the Commission for the Future of Nursing. Sara Hollis and Sue Dearlove were invited to represent the whole of the ward 17 team in recognition of winning the Nursing Times Team of the Year award in November.

Cate Hillman, head of improvement, accompanied Sara and Sue after nominating them for the award.

An innovative idea devised and implemented by Ward 17 staff is The Red Water Jug scheme, which helps identify patients who require help with their fluid intake and ensures they remain adequately hydrated.

This is now being rolled out across the hospital.

Sara Hollis, ward sister on Ward 17, said: "Receiving national recognition for the scheme has been really exciting and, of course, going to Number 10 and meeting Gordon Brown was a real highlight.

"He was very friendly and everyone we spoke to was really interested in our scheme and the work we have been doing here on Ward 17. It really is great to see other hospitals looking at the success we have had and considering rolling out the red jugs to improve their care too."

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Wishing Pool cash goes to Ark Charity

THE Ark Charity from Milton Keynes is celebrating a windfall of more than £8,000 from the donations to the Wishing Pool at thecentre:mk's Big Top Christmas Circus Show.

On top of this, staff from thecentre:mk are volunteering to work at the Ark House in Wolverton, sourcing materials and providing maintenance and donating £2,000 towards the work.

This year a total of £8,259.15 was donated by visitors to the annual Christmas Show in Middleton Hall.

The Ark Charity provides both 24/7 supported accommodation at its Ark House hostel in Wolverton together with move-on facilities where residents receive assistance from floating support workers.

Since opening, more than 500 young people have been cared for by the charity at Ark House.

The volunteers from thecentre:mk are going to replace an entire bathroom at the Ark House, redecorate the front of the building, install a new toilet, fix the outside lights and perform maintenance on the laundry, labour and materials free of charge.

Joy Gibson, development manager of The Ark Charity, said; " We are delighted with the result of the Wishing Pool and the offer of help from the staff from thecentre:mk.

This will be a huge boost to our funds and help us to assist the young people in our care with furniture when they move on to their first home; subsidise educational opportunities for the 19 to 21-year-olds we support and also with refurbishments at our hostel and move-on flats."

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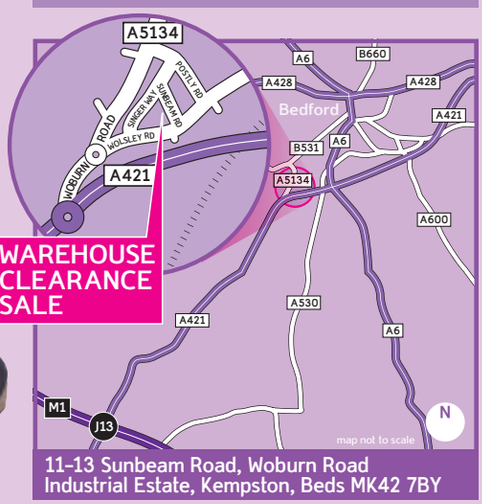

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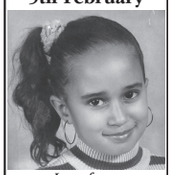

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Deaths

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Of Bletchley

Passed away peacefully at home after a long illness on 24th January 2010, aged 77 years.

Beloved Wife of Ronald, loving Mother of Lynne and Philip, and a wonderful Grandma and Great Grandma. Doreen will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

The funeral service will take place at St. Andrews Church, Bletchley on 10th February 2010 at 2.00pm, followed by cremation at Crownhill Crematorium.

Family flowers only please, but donations if desired by cheque, payable to Age Concern, may be forwarded to:

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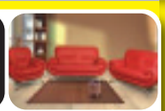
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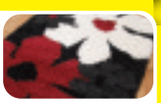
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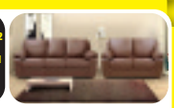
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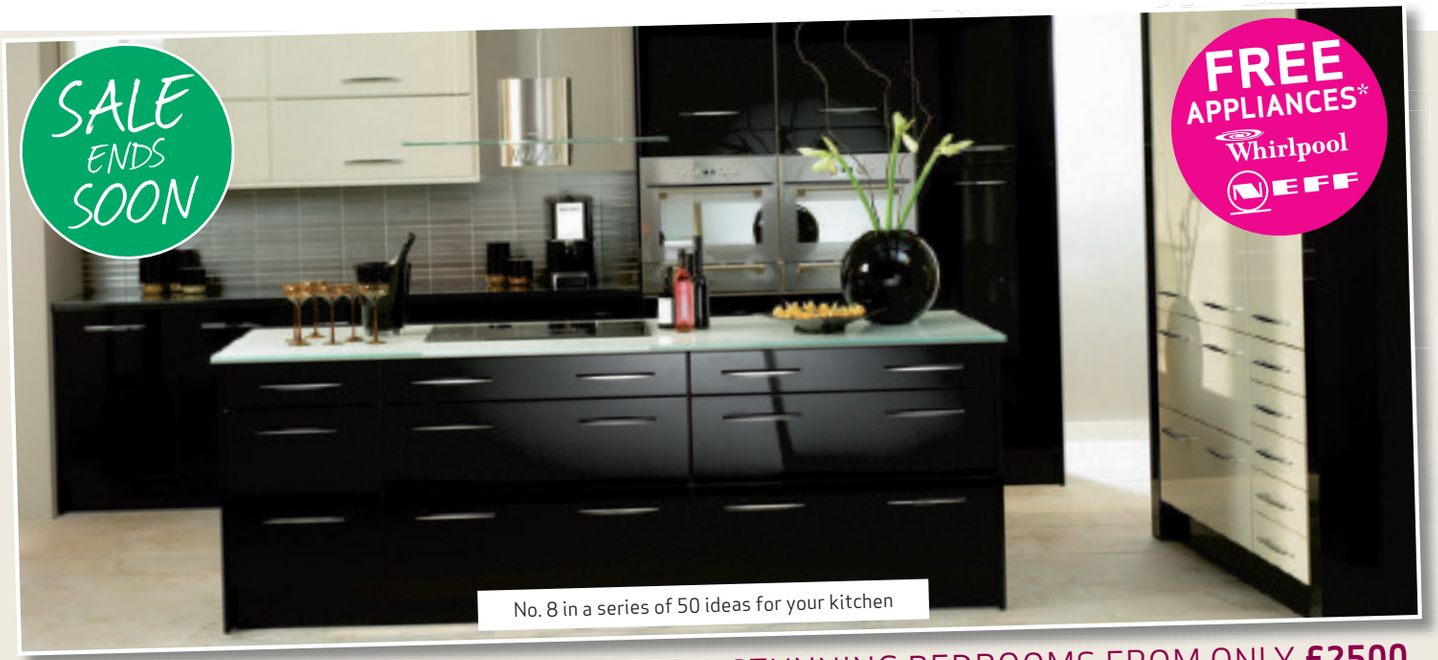

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Access art

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Next Wednesday, Ed Vaizey, Shadow Minister for the Arts will hear for himself when he visits Milton Keynes Gallery and meets its director, Anthony Spira, together with David Hill, chief executive, MK Council and Sally Abbott, director arts, Arts Council England South East.

Every year the gallery's education team work with thousands of pupils in a range of imaginative, cross-curricular projects, inspired by the themes and content of its exhibitions, promoting peoples understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the work displayed.

The public event called Making Art Work for Milton Keynes in the afternoon, will provide an overview of its award-winning education programme to a broad range of teachers, educationalists, funders and project partners via a selection of short illustrated talks.

A host of speakers will be taking part throughout the afternoon including Kevin McDonagh of MK Council's Family Education Support team, Julie Kemp, art co-ordinator, pupils from Langlands Community School and Vivienne Reiss of Arts Council England South East.

The event, which is supported by MK NEWS, concludes with an hour of refreshments and networking, including a short performance by Dancing Brick, the MK Community Foundation Arts Bursary 2009 winner.

Places at this event which runs from 2.30-6pm are free but limited; to book contact Katharine Sorensen on k.sorensen@mk-g.org or ring 01908 676 900.

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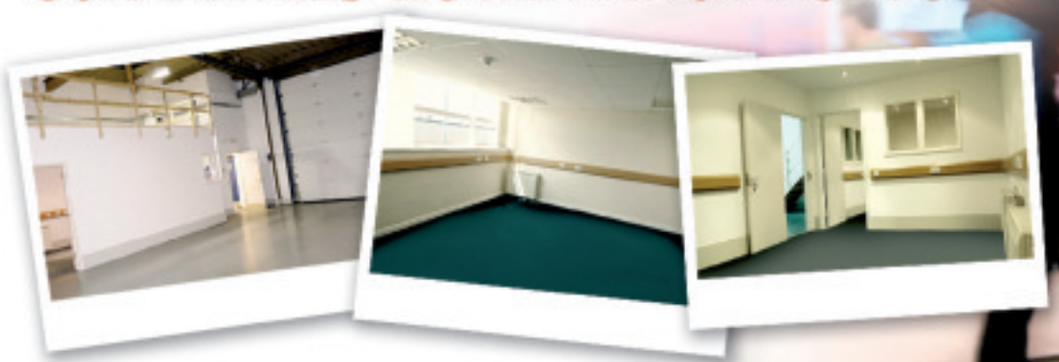

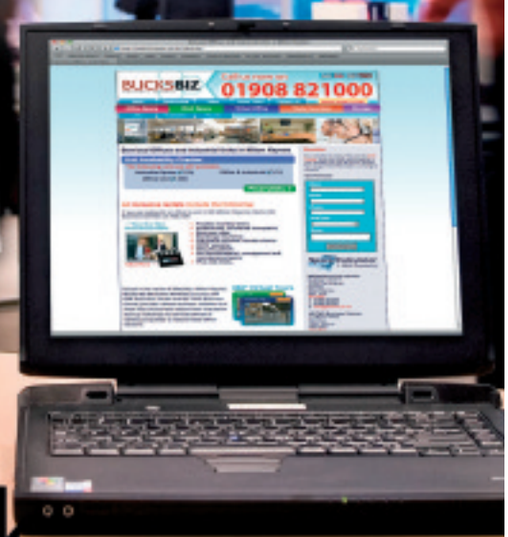

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New mascot Moo joins the city herd

THERE'S a new cow in town.

Florence Moo has joined the city's team of mascots to promote Willen Hospice's MK Midnight Moo, a 10 mile sponsored walk for women.

Here she is pictured being welcomed to the herd by MK Dons mascots Donny and Mooie.

Florence is encouraging as many women as possible to join her herd for what is guaranteed to be a mooo-vellous night of fundraising.

The MK Midnight Moo starts at midnight on Saturday, July 17 from Midsummer Place Shopping Centre and follows a circular, well-lit and marshalled route along the redways in Milton Keynes.

Entry for the walk is £15 per person and all entrants will receive a MK Midnight Moo T-Shirt, refreshments throughout the course and a medal on finishing. Over 500 women have already signed up.

To join Florence's herd you can register online at www.mkmidnightmoo.com or call the MK Midnight Moo hotline on 01908 306698.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Play centre opens for special needs kids

A PLAY centre is holding an evening event for children with special needs.

360 Play in Knowlhill, which combines play frames, slides and ball ponds with opportunities for imaginary play and developing creative skills with an adult, is holding the event on Friday, February 5.

Anne Basketfield, from 360 Play, said: "Having the centre all to themselves means that children with varying needs can experience our extensive facilities in a much calmer, quieter atmosphere."

The evening, from 6.30pm until 8.30pm, costs £4.95 per child, with free entry for adults.

For more information visit www.360play.uk.com.

Application for Lavendon gypsy site

A TRAVELLER'S site may be built in Lavendon.

An application has been submitted to Milton Keynes Council for the change of use of land opposite the cemetery in Bedford Road into a caravan site for three gypsy families.

The plans include facilities for two caravans for each of the three families, a washroom and two new vehicular accesses with car parking and laying of hardstandings.

Kids invited to become fire safety heroes

CHILDREN are being invited to create a fire safety hero.

Youngsters aged three to 10 years can enter an art competition as part of the national Fire Kills campaign.

The winning design will feature in advertising materials for the campaign, which highlights the importance of having working smoke alarms.

First prize is a family ticket to visit LEGOLAND Windsor theme park.

Three runners-up will be presented with a prize at their local fire station.

To enter, draw your design on an A4 piece of blank paper and post to: Fire Kills Art Competition, Media Moguls, 3rd Floor, Howarine House, 5-6 Empire Way, Wembley, Middlesex, HA9 0XA.

For posters and leaflets giving more information about the competition, including terms and conditions, contact 020 8902 5575 or email artcompetition@mediamoguls.com.

Ward for hospital's cancer care facilties

MILTON Keynes Hospital has been awarded for its cancer care facilities.

The hospital trust has been awarded the Macmillan Quality Environment Mark, a new award that recognises good practice and high standards within the physical environment of a cancer care building.

Milton Keyes Hospital is among the first sites to be given the award, which has been developed by the Macmillan Cancer Support charity in collaboration with people living with cancer and organisations including the Department of Health.

Council's sports team commended

MILTON Keynes Council's sports development service has been highly commended for helping involve more people in sport and physical activity.

The team recently spent two days being assessed by the UK sport and leisure industry's quality standard award, called Quest.

The sports development team encourages people in Milton Keynes to get involved in sport and supports coaches, volunteers and talented athletes to reach their full potential.

Rubbish dumping costs woman £600

A WOMAN was fined £100 and ordered to pay £500 towards MK Council's legal costs after placing rubbish bags in bushes.

Linda Yearsley, of Milecastle, Bancroft, pleaded guilty at Milton Keynes Magistrates court on Thursday, January 21, to one offence of placing her refuse sacks out on public land in breach of a legal notice. The offence happened in March 2009.

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Acts and helpers wanted for fest

ACTS and volunteers are needed for MK's biggest free youth music festival.

The annual event MK4U takes place in Campbell Park on Saturday and Sunday, July 3 and 4.

But in order for the event to be a success it needs your help.

Martin Wakley, chairman of MK4U said: "This is a great opportunity for young people to get hands on experience of organising and running a very large event.

"Not just working backstage, but helping with catering, information, attending planning meetings and getting proper training, and of course it looks good on your CV.

"It's easy to get involved, just go to our website, www.mk4u.org, and follow the instructions."

This will be the fifth year that MK4U has staged its annual youth, music, play and creative festival in Campbell Park.

Bands and performers of any sort, including dance groups and creative artists, should also go to the website and get in touch as soon as possible.

The performance line up is chosen by the youth committee and the closing date is April 1.

Twenty Twenty on stage at MK Music4U in Campbell Park last year

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Service looking for standby firefighters

BY LAURA HANNAM
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Firefighters tackle a blaze at a glass and window storage and distribution centre in Simpson Roag, Bletchley

DO you have what it takes to combine your working and home life with being a firefighter?

Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service has launched a recruitment drive for Retained Duty System firefighters at Bletchley, Broughton, Great Holm and Olney fire stations.

RDS firefighters are paid staff who do the same job as full-time firefighters, but are not based in a fire station.

Instead, they are on standby waiting to be called out from home or work.

Denis O'Driscoll, area manager response, said: "Retained Duty System firefighters, who are sometimes called on-call or standby firefighters, are a vital part of today's fire and rescue service.

"We are hoping that people who haven't previously considered applying will stop and ask themselves whether they can, in fact, provide cover at critical times of the day or night."

There are benefits for employers who release staff to be RDS firefighters as the employee will be professionally trained to deal with emergencies

To be a RDS firefighter you need to be at least 18 years old, physically fit and live and/or work close to the fire station.

If you would like to find out more about working as an RDS firefighter in Milton Keynes, or if you are an employer interested in allowing your employees to participate, ring the information pack hotline on 01296 744670
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Sky's the limit for weight-loss pilot

A PILOT is celebrating getting back into the skies after losing stones in weight.

Clive Wheldon, director of Wheldon Contractors and Services, a central heating installers has been in business in Newport Pagnell for 33 years.

But as he grew his business his waistline grew too as he ballooned to more than 14 stones.

A keen pilot with his own helicopter, Clive realised the implications of his weight increase when he paid a visit to his GP who weighed him and told him he was obese. Then a medical to retain his pilot's licence confirmed his blood pressure was at the maximum for flying.

Clive booked on with SureSlim Newport Pagnell in April and saw immediate results.

He said: "I couldn't wait to get started and lost 9lbs in my first week."

By the end of June Clive weighed 10 stones 12lbs, and his blood pressure and cholesterol had dropped.

He added: "I couldn't believe that, by following my eating plan which was based on three meals a day and comprised the foods that the SureSlim doctor had identified were right for me, I lost weight and never had any cravings – and I am able to get back into my helicopter as well.

"My levels of energy and powers of concentration have improved and I would recommend SureSlim to anybody in business who wants to improve their own productivity or the energy and motivation levels of their staff"

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Businessman Clive Wheldon is back in the skies after slimming from more than 14 stones (left) to 10 stones 12lbs (right)

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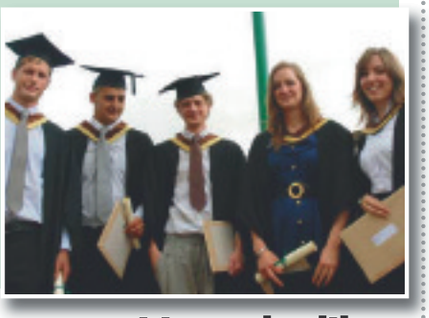
MOULTON COLLEGE NEWS

Moulton Students 'Top the Tables'

Data recently published by the Learning and Skills Council showed that in 2007/8 the success factor for 16-18 students at Moulton College was 7th highest out of more that 650 directly funded providers nationally.

A remarkable achievement by the Northamptonshire college, which prides itself upon offering places to students who show the motivation to succeed, rather than those who have achieved most at school.
Success in Colleges is measured by the proportion of students that enrol on a course, who remain to the end and pass all elements of the qualification: the published data for 2007/8 reflected an overall success rate by Moulton students of 93%, which was the best in the College's 88 year history.
However, when the results for 2008/9 were analysed, staff were delighted to learn that student performance had improved still further to 94%. Meanwhile adult students had achieved a creditable 89% success rate, more than 10% higher than the national benchmark.

However the underlying achievements are even more impressive, as most students not only obtained a National Qualification, but also achieved a range of key skills certificates and industry specific qualifications (or 'licenses to practice').
College principal, Chris Moody said; *'We are proud of our students' achievements and aim to provide them with the skills and qualifications valued by potential employers. Whilst increasingly important, academic qualifications alone do not provide a passport to success: it is the additional skills and personal attributes that applicants can offer a business that will get them to the head of the queue when seeking the best jobs. The package we offer our students is broader than that traditionally offered by most schools and colleges, and this helps well motivated students to achieve that career success'.*



Golf and Cricket Academy Opportunities at Moulton!

Moulton College's new Golf Academy is up and running.

Students sign onto the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence, a government scheme that allows aspiring golfers to study for a BTEC National Diploma in Sporting Excellence as well as completing a Level 3 NVQ in Achieving Sporting Excellence (equivalent to 4 A' levels).
However, the best part is that they get to play golf three times a week with professional coaching as part of the college course!

Sports Studies Subject Manager Craig Jackson said, *"This is a fantastic course for students who are interested in working in the golf industry – it gives them high level coaching to further their game as well as excellent qualifications that are accepted for entry by universities".*

Now, thanks to a partnership with Northants County Cricket Club, Moulton College is launching a new Cricket Academy for the region's talented cricketers. Students will study for the same qualifications as the golfers, but get professional coaching from the likes of David Ripley at Northants' purpose built indoor and outdoor facilities.

The Cricket Academy adds to the current portfolio of academies (basketball, rugby, football, hockey, golf and dressage) that all operate with professional partners or coaches.
For the first time next year, through a unique link with Northamptonshire Grammar School and Bishop Stopford School, students will be able to study for a combination of 'A' levels and BTEC Nationals whilst being a full member of one of Moulton's sports academies.

Director of Sport Lee Howarth said, *"We are also in discussions with other potential partners and hope to increase further the range of sports available as part of our academy provision – so watch this space!"*

"Moulton College is building a very strong reputation as the place to come to prepare for a career in the sports industry, or to gain academic qualifications whilst training and gaining expert coaching in a specific sport"
For information on all the Sports Academies available at Moulton College contact Student Services on 01604 491131, email enquiries@moulton.ac.uk or visit www.moulton.ac.uk

So you want to work with animals or be a vet but don't know where to start?

Animal Management courses continue to be extremely popular at Moulton College, providing students with the opportunity to gain essential skills in handling a variety of species of animals while learning the associated theory, thus producing highly employable individuals.
From September 2010, students studying the National Diploma in Animal Management will have the option of selecting one of 3 specialisms during their second year of study;

- **Animal Management route**
- **Animal Conservation route**
- **Animal Science route**

The options provide students with the opportunity to follow the route that is of most interest to them, to either progress to further study, or to seek direct entry to employment. The science stream for example will be of particular interest to those who wish to progress to a Veterinary Science or other animal related higher education programme, either at Moulton College or a University.
The College is currently in discussions with a leading vet school, to ensure that the content of Moulton's National Diploma matches the entry requirements for their veterinary courses.
Call Student Services on 01604 491131, email enquiries@moulton.ac.uk or visit www.moulton.ac.uk for further information.

Moulton College is again judged to be 'outstanding'

Following the excellent OFSTED inspection in 2008 when the College was judged to be 'outstanding' in all key areas of activity, OFSTED visited the college, once again, in November to carry out a Care Standards Inspection.
The purpose of this inspection was to assure children and young people, parents, the public, local authorities and government of the quality and standard of the service provided.
The College was again judged to be **'OUTSTANDING'** in each of the areas reviewed:

- **Helping Children to be Healthy**
- **Protecting Children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe**
- **Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do**
- **Helping children make a positive contribution**
- **Achieving economic wellbeing**
- **Organisation**

The inspector praised the college as a whole and in particular its provision for students under 18. The glowing report stated 'students confirmed that the college is well managed in all aspects and lives up to its prestigious reputation that informed their decision to join it. Management arrangements ensure that resident students are supported by well-qualified staff who are available in sufficient numbers to provide more than adequate supervision and to respond most effectively to their collective and individual needs'. The report went on to say that 'in promoting and safeguarding the welfare of resident students, senior staff demonstrate competent management and effective leadership. The promotion of equality and diversity is outstanding. In all aspects of the college's policies, procedure and practices equal opportunities, respect for and celebration of difference is inherent'.
Principal, Chris Moody was delighted by the report and says *'The inspectors were again very complimentary about the high standards achieved by the College.*
I believe our staff provide a service that is exceptional and well above that offered in many other colleges. We have always been proud of the care that we show to the young people entrusted to the college and this belief is upheld by the report. Whilst it can be stressful for staff to experience two different OFSTED inspections within such a short period, it is gratifying that we have now achieved an 'outstanding' judgement in every category inspected. This is a truly remarkable achievement.
We will strive to ensure that Moulton College continues to provide some of the best care, education and training, not only in the Northamptonshire, but in the Country!

Prestigious Award for Moulton College

At the recent MoLeNET (mobile learning network) annual conference, Moulton College received the award for "outstanding contribution to the sector through sharing materials", titled the "MoLeShare Award".
Andrew Bailey, Moulton College's Learning Technology Manager, collected the award from Steve Nichols of the Learning and Skills Council. Andrew said *'the award reflects the vision and commitment that Moulton has towards teaching and learning, and also demonstrates how the college exploits technology to enhance the learning experience for those studying at the College'.*
The MoLeNET programme aims to prove that mobile learning can take place in any location, at any time, including traditional learning environments such as classrooms as well as in the workplace, at home, in community locations and whilst travelling.

Evening Courses in Furniture making

Why not put quiet Monday evenings to good use by taking a course in Furniture making?
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The College continues to offer City & Guilds 5610 Furniture courses on an evening, day and full time basis. Day courses in Advanced Cabinet Making are also available, enabling those with experience to make a variety of projects in well equipped cabinet making, machine and finishing workshops.
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AE118	Hedge Laying	Sat 9.30am - 4.00pm	Feb 20th	1 day
AE121	Living Willow Structures	Sat 9.30am - 4.00pm	Mar 13th	1 day
AE166	Farmer for the Day	Sat 9.30am - 4.00pm	Mar 20th	1 day
AE164	Basic Bushcraft / Food for Free	Sat 9.30am - 4.00pm	Apr 24th	1 day
AE38	Sheep Shearing for Beginners	Sat 9.30am - 4.00pm	May 1st	1 day
AE168	Sheep Shearing for Improvers	Sat 9.30am - 4.30pm	May 8th	1 day
AE45	Introduction to Quad Bikes	Sat 9.30am - 4.00pm	May 15th	1 day
AE180	Introduction to Smallholding	Tue 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Jun 1st	5 weeks
AE112	Introduction to Clay Pigeon Shooting	Thur 7.00pm - 8.30pm	Jun 3rd	4 weeks
AE165	Introduction to Game and Poultry Incubation	Sat 9.30am - 4.00pm	Jun 5th	1 day
AE21	Dry Stone Walling	Sat 9.30am - 4.00pm	Jul 3rd	1 day

ANIMAL WELFARE AND VETERINARY HEALTH

Code	Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
AN67	Veterinary Nursing - AMTRA Conversion Revision Course	Wed 9.00am- 5.00pm	Mar 31st	1 day
AN67	Veterinary Nursing - AMTRA Conversion Revision Course	Thur 9.00am - 5.00pm	Jul 15th	1 day
AN47	Level 4 Canine Hydrotherapy - BTEC	Flexible	On demand	2 weeks
AN57	Professional Certificate in Applied Animal Studies	Tue 9.00am - 5.00pm	Jun 1st	5 weeks
AN10	Veterinary Reception Skills 1	Thur 9.30am - 3.30pm	Apr 1st	1 day
AN11	Veterinary Reception Skills 2	Fri 9.30am - 3.30pm	Apr 2nd	1 day
AN58	Level 2 Intermediate Dog Grooming - 2 week intensive course	Mon-Sat 9.00am - 5.30pm	Mar 29th	2 weeks
AN59	Level 2 Intermediate Dog Grooming - 2 week intensive course	Mon-Sat 9.00am - 5.30pm	Jul 5th	2 weeks
AN42	Level 2 Intermediate Dog Grooming - 2 week intensive course	Mon-Sat 9.00am - 5.30pm	Jul 19th	2 weeks
AN23	Dog Grooming	Wed 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Feb 17th	4 weeks
AN09	Dog Grooming	Wed 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Jun 2nd	4 weeks
AN39	Animal First Aid	Wed 6.00pm - 8.00pm	Jan 13th	4 weeks
AN37	Animal First Aid	Wed 6.00pm - 8.00pm	Apr 21st	4 weeks
AN27	Beginners Dog Agility	Thur 6.00pm - 7.30pm	Sept 10th	4 weeks
AN43	Beginners Dog Agility	Tue 6.00pm - 7.30pm	Apr 20th	4 weeks
AN60	Beginners Dog Agility	Thur 6.00pm - 7.30pm	Jun 3rd	4 weeks
AN46	Introduction to Herpetology	Sat 10.00am - 4.00pm	Feb 13th	1 day
AN31	Introduction to Pet First Aid	Sat 10.00am - 4.00pm	May 8th	1 day
AN19	Dog Grooming	Sat 9.00am - 12.00noon	Feb 20th	4 weeks
AN26	Dog Grooming	Sat 9.00am - 12.00noon	Jun 5th	4 weeks

ARBORICULTURE AND TREE SURGERY

Code	Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
HC113	Tree Hazard Analysis including CODIT	Thur 9.00am - 4.00pm	Feb 18th	1 day
HC132	Risk Management in Arboriculture	Thur 9.00am - 4.00pm	Jun 3rd	1 day
HC79	Chainsaw for Home Owners	Flexible	On demand	1 day
HC133	Major Tree Pests and Diseases	Thur 9.00am - 4.00pm	Jul 8th	1 day
HC135	Arboricultural Landscape Design	Fri 9.00am - 12.30pm	Feb 19th	12 weeks

DESIGN AND CRAFT

Code	Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
TW144	Level 1 Hand Embroidery - City & Guilds 7111	Tue 11.00am - 2.30pm	Apr 20th	10 weeks
TW145	Level 2 Machine Embroidery - City & Guilds 7112 - Innovative Embroidery	Tue 11.00am - 2.30pm	Apr 20th	10 weeks
TW146	Level 2 Patchwork & Quilting - City & Guilds 7112 - Item of Appliqué with Quilting	Tue 11.00am - 2.30pm	Apr 20th	10 weeks
TW147	Level 1 Hand Embroidery - City & Guilds 7111	Tue 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Apr 20th	10 weeks
TW148	Level 2 Machine Embroidery - City & Guilds 7112 - Innovative Embroidery	Tue 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Apr 20th	10 weeks
TW149	Level 2 Patchwork & Quilting - City & Guilds 7112 - Item of Appliqué with Quilting	Tue 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Apr 20th	10 weeks
TW93	Photoshop for Digital Images	Wed 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Apr 21st	8 weeks
TW150	Soft Furnishing	Tue 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Apr 20th	10 weeks
DA21	Introduction to Upholstery	Sat 10.30am - 4.00pm	Mar 13th	1 day
DA21	Introduction to Upholstery	Tue & Wed 10.00am - 4.30pm	Jul 20th & 21st	2 days
DA52	Introduction to Interior Design	Wed & Thur 10.00am - 4.30pm	Apr 7th & 8th	2 days
DA19	Introduction to Interior Design	Sat 10.30am - 4.00pm	May 22nd	1 day
TW20	Patchwork & Quilting	Sat 10.30am - 4.00pm	May 22nd	1 day

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Code	Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
HR95	Therapy Machines/Equipment for Horse Owners - practical applications	Tue 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Feb 23rd	1 day
HR150	Advanced Certificate in Equine Transport - BHEST	Thur 10.00am - 4.00pm	Feb 18th	1 day
HR149	Certificate in Equine Transport - BHEST	Thur 10.00am - 2.00pm	Feb 18th	1 day
HR149	Certificate in Equine Transport - BHEST	Sat 10.00am - 2.00pm	Mar 20th	1 day
HR150	Advanced Certificate in Equine Transport - BHEST	Sat 10.00am - 4.00pm	Mar 20th	1 day
HR129	Practical Lungeing (for all levels including BHS exam revision if required)	Sat 10.00am - 12.00noon	Mar 6th	1 day
HR101	First Aid for Horses, treating minor wounds	Sat 10.00am - 12.00noon	Feb 6th	1 day

FOOD STUDIES

Code	Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
FS100	Level 2 Food Safety and Catering	Wed 9.00am - 5.00pm	Feb 10th	1 day
FS100	Level 2 Food Safety and Catering	Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm	May 8th	1 day
FS100	Level 2 Food Safety and Catering	Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm	June 26th	1 day
FS109	Level 3 Supervising Food Safety and Catering	Wed 9.00am - 2.00pm	Jan 13th	3 weeks
FS114	Level 4 Award in Food Safety	Fri 2.00pm - Sun 4.00pm	Jul 16th & 23rd	30 hours
FS112	Level 2 Healthier Foods and Special Diet	Wed 9.00am - 5.00pm	Mar 31st	1 day
FS75	Italian Valentine Cooking	Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm	Feb 13th	1 day
FS76	Herbs and Cooking	Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm	May 29th	1 day

FLORISTRY

Code	Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
FY38	Wedding Accessories	Mon 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Apr 26th	5 weeks
FY40	Table Delights	Thur 9.00am - 4.00pm	Feb 18th	1 day
FY41	Exterior Designs	Thur 9.00am - 4.00pm	Jun 3rd	1 day
FY42	Bridal Sensations	Thur 9.00am - 4.00pm	Jul 10th	1 day
FY43	Bridal Adornments	Thur 9.00am - 4.00pm	Jul 15th	1 day

FURNITURE

Code	Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
TW121	Advanced Cabinet Making - own choice of project	Thur 9.00am - 5.00pm	Apr 22nd	8 weeks
TW124	Furniture Making - Beginners	Mon 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Apr 19th	8 weeks
TW127	Furniture Making - Intermediate	Mon 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Apr 19th	8 weeks
TW130	Furniture Making - Advanced	Mon 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Apr 19th	8 weeks
TW24	Renovation of Furniture	Mon 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Apr 19th	8 weeks
TW116	Routing for Beginners	Thur 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Feb 25th	1 evening
TW117	Intermediate Routing	Thur 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Apr 29th	1 evening
TW118	Advanced Routing	Thur 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Jun 10th	1 evening
DA28	Dovetails and Other Joints	Sat 10.30am - 4.00pm	Mar 13th	1 day
DA53	Dovetails and Other Joints	Tue & Wed 10.00am - 4.30pm	Jul 20th & 21st	2 days
DA55	Introduction to Woodcarving	Sat 10.30am - 4.00pm	Mar 13th	1 day
DA57	Introduction to Machining Woodworking	Sat 10.30am - 4.00pm	May 22nd	1 day
CR103	Introduction to Cabinet Making	Sat 10.30am - 4.00pm	May 22nd	1 day
TW131	Renovation of Furniture	Wed & Thur 10.00am - 4.30pm	Apr 7th & 8th	2 days
DA54	Machine Woodworking	Wed & Thur 10.00am - 4.30pm	Apr 7th & 8th	2 days
DA54	Machine Woodworking	Tue & Wed 10.00am - 4.30pm	Jul 20th & 21st	2 days

HORTICULTURE AND GARDENS

Code	Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
HC119	Pruning Master Class - late winter pruning	Thur 9.00am - 4.00pm	Feb 18th	1 day
HC137	The Magic Properties of Water - building a water feature	Thur 9.00am - 4.00pm	Apr 1st	1 day
HC65	Hanging Baskets and Containers	Thur 9.00am - 4.00pm	Jun 3rd	1 day
HC119	Pruning Master Class - mid-summer pruning	Wed 9.00am - 4.00pm	Jun 2nd	1 day
HC144	Plant Maintenance	Wed 9.45am -12.45pm	Feb 17th	5 half days
HC145	Plant Production and Propergation	Wed 9.45am -12.45pm	Apr 21st	5 half days

SPORTS, THERAPY AND FITNESS

Code	Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
SM38	Level 2 Gym Instructors Award - YMCA	Mon-Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm	Mar 29th	14 days
SM58	1st4Sport L1 Award in Rugby Coaching	Mon-Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Mar 29th	12 days
SM17	Level 2 Circuit Training Award - YMCA	Mon-Wed 9.00am - 5.00pm	Jul 5th	3 days
SM18	Level 2 Award in Community Sports Leadership	Mon-Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Jul 5th	5 days
SM51	Level 2 Award in Walk Leading	Mon-Thur 9.00am - 5.00pm	Feb 1st	4 weeks
SM52	Level 2 Award in Studio Resistance Training	Mon-Thur 9.00am - 5.00pm	Feb 1st	4 weeks
SM53	Level 2 Award in Indoor Cycling	Mon-Thur 9.00am - 5.00pm	Mar 8th	2 weeks
SM54	Level 2 Nutrition for a Healthy Lifestyle	Mon-Thur 9.00am - 5.00pm	Apr 19th	4 weeks
SM55	Level 2 Improving the Customer Experience in the Active Leisure Industry	Mon-Thur 9.00am - 5.00pm	Apr 19th	4 weeks
SM43	Level 3 Nutrition and Weight Management	Mon-Thur 9.00am - 5.00pm	May 17th	4 weeks
SM32	Level 3 Client Lifestyle and Fitness Assessment	Mon-Thur 9.00am - 5.00pm	May 17th	4 weeks

TEACHER TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT

Code	Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
TT47	Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector - Level 3/4	9.00am - 5.00pm	Mar 29th-31st & Apr 14th-15th	5 days
TT47	Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector - Level 3/4	9.00am - 3.00pm	Jul 13th-15th & July 26th-28th	6 days

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Valentines Day

Sunday 14th February 2010

Valentine's Day or Saint Valentine's Day is a holiday celebrated on February 14 by many people throughout the world.

It is the traditional day on which lovers express their love for each other by sending Valentine's cards, presenting flowers, or offering confectionery or presents. Another way to express your feelings to a loved one is with a romantic meal.

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Competition

WIN A MEAL FOR TWO THIS VALENTINES

Ye Olde Swan at Woughton on the Green recently underwent a brand new refurbishment but the changes didn't stop there. The pub has gone from being part of a massive chain to now being part of the Pub & Kitchen Co, established for individual, entrepreneurial pubs. Reza Najafi general manager awaits to welcome past and present customers to a unique dining experience. Reza prides himself on using fresh, local produce & having a knowledgeable, friendly team of staff with an extensive menu & daily specials. Ye Olde Swan is defiantly worth a visit.

For your chance to win a romantic valentine meal for two answer the following question: Where is Ye Olde Swan located?

Send your answer to competitions@mk-news.co.uk Please include your name, address and daytime phone number. The winning entrant will be picked at random on Monday the 8th February. The editor's decision is final

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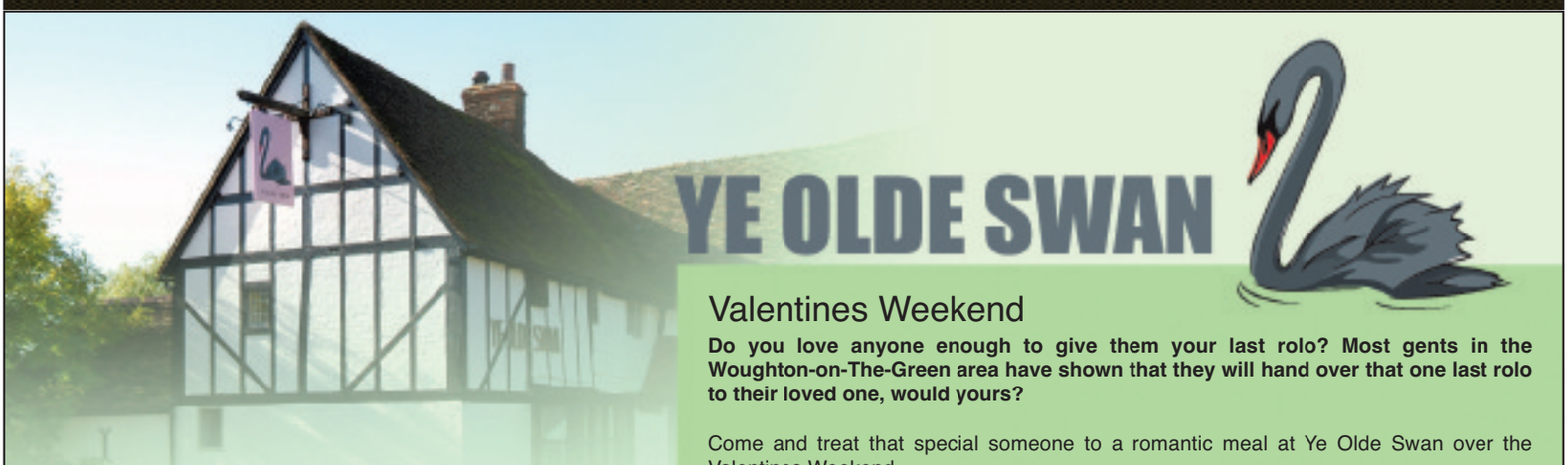

YE OLDE SWAN

Tales of the legendary highwayman Dick Turpin and the odd ghost would make anyone curious enough to visit Ye Olde Swan at Woughton-on-the-Green in Milton Keynes.
But once you've tasted the delicious food, it won't be the history of the 270-year-old building that will draw you back.

Reza Najafi is heading the team behind a whole raft of improvements at the Swan. The shorter but much more interesting new menu at the welcoming restaurant has been produced as a result of Reza joining the Pub and Kitchen Company, established for individual and entrepreneurial pubs.

The food that has been improved dramatically using local produce and organic and free range ingredients where possible and the building has been refurbished to a high standard. It still has that cosy feel but it's brighter, warmer and fresher while still retaining its intimate and old world charm.

Valentines Weekend

Do you love anyone enough to give them your last rolo? Most gents in the Woughton-on-The-Green area have shown that they will hand over that one last rolo to their loved one, would yours?

Come and treat that special someone to a romantic meal at Ye Olde Swan over the Valentines Weekend.

Our full evening and daytime menus will be available as well as some fabulous valentine's specials will add that special touch. With a choice of four delicious starters ranging from fresh Black Pearl Scallops to Portabella mushroom Stuffed with fresh crab. Then followed by a choice of six delicious main courses including The Swan Fish platter offering a mouth watering selection of fresh seafood, A matured prime fillet steak with king prawns and even Venison Steak is available to satisfy everyone's taste buds.
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Reza and his team look forward to meeting you

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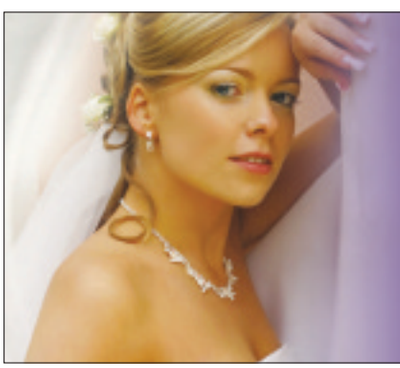

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SIMON DARNELL

YOU USED TO HOLD ME
Calvin Harris

WELL, this is underwhelming. It's a serviceable enough tune, but it's very basic - unfortunately, it's also the worst single off his album so far, and I reckon that's because compared to its predecessors this one sounds half-finished in comparison.

This would make a good album filler track or a B-side, but it's not really an A-side. Erm... yeah... so that's really all there is to say about this one. Shall we move on?

ONE LIFE STAND
Hot Chip

OH, they're back. Jolly good. Their songs are nice enough and everything, but the biggest problem I have with Hot Chip's songs is that they sound so FLAT.

Take this one for example. Honestly, it couldn't sound flatter if it'd been packaged by IKEA.

It also sounds as though it could've come straight out of a 1982 episode of Top Of The Pops, it sounds that dated.

Now, don't get me wrong, I lived through the 80s and there were a lot of good tunes to be found there, but it's a bit worrying when you have a song released in 2010 that sounds almost as though the intention was to make it feel as though it had been resting in a vault for the business end of 30 years.

Thing is though, the originals had something interesting about them which is what helped to make them the songs we remember today... well, that and the fact that the same 15 to 20 songs appear over and over again on 100s of 80s compilations with identical track listings.

With this song, quite honestly the most interesting thing about it is the play on words they've employed with the title.

Right then, after all that here's what really annoys me about One Life Stand. It COULD be much, much better than it is.

A while back, I criticised Snow Patrol for not having the guts to go all out with Just Say Yes and it's the same thing here.

As it is, this song is a rag doll cat of a song, far too sedate and tame, but if somebody took hold of it, gave it a damned good hiding and put a bit of life into it then Hot Chip would have a tiger on their hands instead and could potentially have got a much bigger hit with this.

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The materials collected will then be stored at the Great Linford Arts Workshop until the making days in March.

Participants will be required to use and share their own vehicles for the collecting day.

The making days will take place at the Great Linford Arts Workshop.

Collecting days are on Saturday, February 6, 10am-3pm

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For more information contact Carol Tye at artworks-mk on 01908 608108.

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ALPHABET BACKWARDS

Friday, February 5. 8.45pm

USING drums, acoustic guitars, melodica, bass guitars and keyboards, Alphabet Backwards' hook-laden sweet-natured pop sounds like no-one else really, but sits most comfortably alongside the likes of Get Cape, Wear Cape, Fly, Ben Folds or Noah and The Whale.

Tickets £9.50 in advance, £11.50 on the door

YASMIN LEVY

Monday, February 8. 8pm

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Bernie Plays Rory

Wednesday, February 10. 8pm

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Friday, February 5

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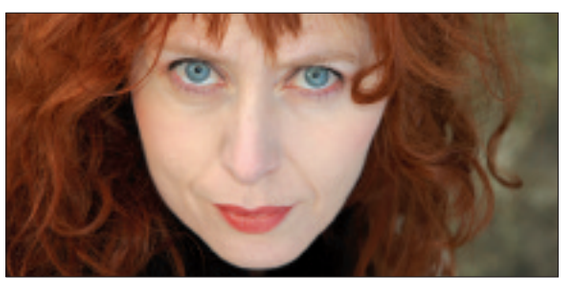

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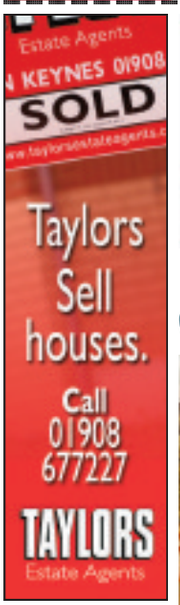

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BASKET **MAKING**

A day in the life of young musician Ben

ONE of the country's top young musicians has had a day in his life filmed.

A BBC film crew came to Milton Keynes College last Thursday to film top young clarinetist Ben Westlake.

The 17-year-old is being filmed in the run-up to the final stages of the BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition - classical music's best-known UK competition for outstanding young performers.

Student Ben, who took up the clarinet at the age of eight and passed his Grade 8 exam with distinction just three years later, is preparing for the performance of his life in the Woodwind Final at the BBC's Hoddinott Hall, in Cardiff Bay, on Feb 10.

The crew followed Ben around the college's Bletchley campus, where he is studying Psychology AS Level at MK6 (the college's sixth form). They also filmed at his home in Stony Stratford, gathering background footage for the TV show, which is due to be aired later in the spring.

Ben, who practices four or five hours a day said: "Taking part in the competition was always a dream of mine, and it is such a prestigious show it can really launch your career. It's actually the third time I've entered - I auditioned previously when I was younger and really didn't have a chance, but it gave me some great experience."

Ben's mum Cathy believes her son has a real gift - but the path to his latest success has not been smooth, with Ben needing intensive tuition to iron out problems with his technique in his early teens.

Cathy's drastic solution was to sell her house and move to a smaller property to get the money together to pay for monthly lessons in Berlin with world-renowned clarinet soloist and teacher Karl Leister, of Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra fame.

She said: "It was hard, but it worked, and what made it all worthwhile was that Karl said to me he believed every generation had its own great musicians and he feels Ben will be one of this generation's greats."

You can catch a live preview of Ben's Young Musician Competition repertoire, plus a selection of other pieces, when he performs a free concert at St Mary & St Giles Church, in Stony Stratford on Sunday, February 7.

Ben's younger brother James, aged 15, an accomplished flautist, will also perform at the free concert, which starts at 2.30pm.

College marketing manager Chris Rice said: "We're extremely proud of Ben's achievements and will be rooting for him to progress to the Grand Final.

"We've been happy to be flexible with his learning in order to allow him the time he needs to pursue his talent."

Top young clarinettist Ben Westlakeis being filmed in the run-up to the final stages of the BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition

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New members welcome at its monthly meetings at the Cranfield University Social club on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 8pm.

THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (U)

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From Friday

TIANA (Rose) works two waitressing jobs in order to earn enough to buy her own restaurant. Naveen (Campos) is a lazy prince who is turned into a frog by a voodoo man (David). When Naveen persuades Tiana to kiss him she too becomes an amphibian, and the pair set off in search of a cure.

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Nicolas Cage, Donald Sutherland, Nathan Lane, Bill Nighy, Eugene Levy, Freddie Highmore

From Friday

WHEN megabrained whitecoat Dr Tenma (Cage) loses his son in a robot-testing accident, he builds a droid in his boy's image, filling it with state-of-the-art weaponry. But Metro City's President Stone (Sutherland) wants a piece of the action, sending little 'Astro' on the run.

INVICTUS (15)

Matt Damon, Morgan Freeman, Tony Kgoroge, Marguerite Wheatley, Adjoa Andoh

From Friday

STRUGGLING to make headway with mending a divided country, President Mandela (Freeman) fixes upon the idea of South Africa winning the 1995 Rugby World Cup to unite white and black.

MALICE IN WONDERLAND (15)

Maggie Grace, Danny Dyer, Nathaniel Parker

From Friday

Never kiss a frog: The Princess and the Frog – at a cinema near you from Friday

YOUNG American Alice, is alone on UK city streets, with no memory of who she is and where she's from. She encounters highly unusual characters on her quest to find herself.

YOUTH IN REVOLT (15)

Michael Cera, Steve Buscemi, Jean Smart, Ray Liotta, Justin Long, Zach Galifianakis, Portia Doubleday

From Friday

LANGUISHING at a trailer park with his mom (Smart) and her deadbeat lover (Galifianakis), Sinatra-loving teen Nick Twisp (Cera) meets Francophile beauty Sheeni Saunders (Doubleday) and resolves to win her heart by developing a suave alter-ego, FranÃois Dillinger, who instigates an escalating series of unlawful events.

PSYCH 9

Sara Foster, Cary Elwes, Michael Biehn

From Friday

ROSLYN, who is not entirely mentally stable herself, gets an admin job at night in a psych ward. Things start to get a bit disturbing and then more than a bit disturbing.

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MK NEWS has teamed up with Cineworld at the Xscape to offer readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to see the film of their choice.

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DAILY LIFE

SATURDAY

MAYOR'S Charity Ball 'A taste of the Caribbean'. Lovat Fields, Willen Park. 7pm-midnight. TChampagne reception, Caribbean food, wine, steel band and entertainment, raffle and auction.

The Ball is in aid of Hope Outreach, a Milton Keynes-based charity that supports Sri Lankan children who have been orphaned by the civil war or by the 2004 tsunami.

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SUNDAY

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MK BUSINESS

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Students and guests will be able to see the college's impressive facilities and speak directly to tutors about the wide range of courses available.

Marketing manager Chris Rice said: "Places are already filling up fast for September 2010, so this is the ideal opportunity for potential students and their guests to come along, find out more, and sign up for their dream course,"

For more information call 01908 684444 or go to www.mkcollege.ac.uk/opendays.uk/opendays>

Get connected

AN event is to link local employers and training providers with young people looking for jobs.

Connexions:MK, the young people's advice and support service, is running a 'Speed Matching' event in CMK on Wednesday, February 10.

Free of charge to all local businesses, training providers and young people taking part, it works in the same way as speed dating, with a series of three minute 'interviews' with young people who are currently looking for jobs and/or training.

■ For informationCaroline Keen at Connexions:MK on 01908 398300 or e-mail caroline.keen@prospects.co.uk

Council's cash bid leads to jobs for young people

YOUNG unemployed people are starting work this month, many for the first time, under an innovative new jobs fund programme.

The Future Jobs Fund is to create 96 jobs in Milton Keynes with more than half of these posts to be offered by employers over the next few months.

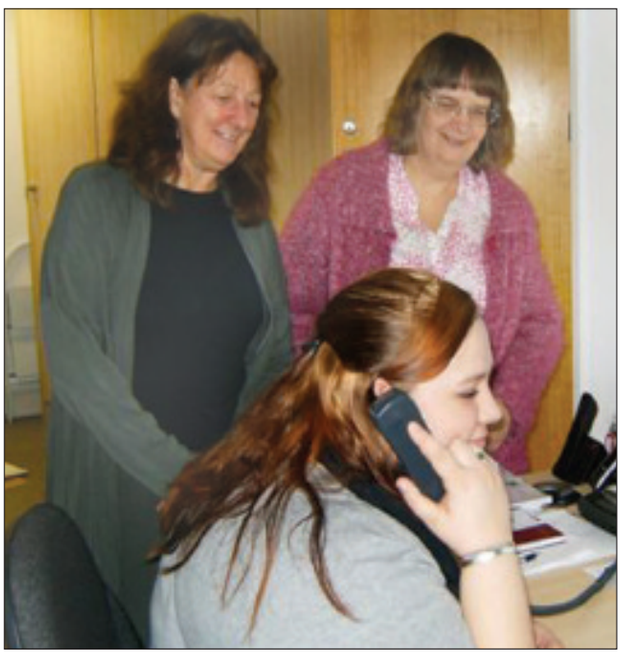
And for some young people the recession has meant that this scheme gives them the first genuine opportunity to start their working lives and pursue a career.

This is all thanks to Milton Keynes Council successfully bidding for more than £600,000 of Government cash from the Department for Work and Pensions to help cut unemployment among young people in the city – currently at 25 per cent for 18-24 year olds of all unemployed in MK.

Now the first few posts are being created at local employers Maybe magazine, Women and Work (a charity to get women into employment), youth volunteering organisation Make a Difference (MAD), MK College, MK Dons Education Trust, Age Concern and MKC landscapes.

Donna Whittaker, who has been unemployed for mnore than six months, said: "I am very grateful to the Future Jobs Fund and I'm extremely happy to be back in work. I have never worked in a charity organisation before. It is different to what I am used to, but I am enjoying it all the same.

"I am kept very busy doing various different tasks, some of them new to me which is challenging but beneficial."



Cllr Jenni Ferans and Avril Francombe from Women at Work with Donna on the phone

Jenni Ferrans, cabinet member responsible for economic development, said: "Local employers, helped by the Future Jobs Fund and MK Council, are helping young people to start their working lives as they should – working!

"We are determined that our young people will not suffer the depression that mass youth unemployment brings and I thank all those who have worked hard to identify suitable jobs and training."

Employers involved in this initiative that also plan to take on young people under the scheme are:

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- Milton Keynes Primary Care Trust
- Milton Keynes Council
- Milton Keynes College
- Thames Valley Police
- Age Concern
- Maybe Magazine CIC
- D&P Recruitment Solutions
- Railcare
- Make a Difference CIC
- Milton Keynes Dons & Education Trust
- Milton Keynes Women and Work

Pam Gosal, economic development manager for Milton Keynes Council and on behalf of the Economic Task Group, said: "This is great news for Milton Keynes that the first jobs for young people are being created this month. A training project has been developed by MK College and funded by the council to support every individual so not only are they equipped for this job but for their future career as well.

"This is just one project that is being developed by the Economic Task Group for the benefit of businesses and the residents of Milton Keynes.

"The task group is also working supporting businesses, individuals and communities, developing new skills and employment opportunities as well as attempting to attract new employers to the city."

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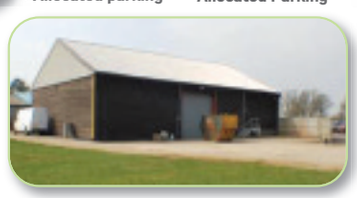

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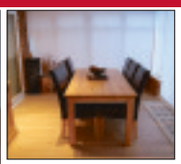
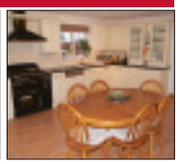
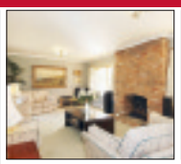
Oxley Park — £399,995

A four bedroom detached executive property of a very popular 'Westbury Home' design overlooking green areas in Oxley Park.

*lounge *dining room *generous kitchen/family room *conservatory * utility and w/c *four bedrooms *2 with en suite * family bathroom *ample parking in front of the detached double garage *gardens to front and rear*

Nash — £895,000



Accessed via a sweeping private driveway this individually designed 5 reception room country home sits in beautifully presented grounds adjoining open countryside in the village of Nash. The accommodation comprises of a

*grand reception hall overlooked by the feature galleried landing *sitting room, *dining room *study *morning room/library *kitchen/breakfast *utility and w/c. *en suite bathrooms to the master and guest bedroom*2 further bedrooms and main bathroom* swimming pool*oversize double garage to the front with studio apartment above and private bathroom*

Deanshanger — £725,000

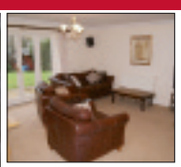
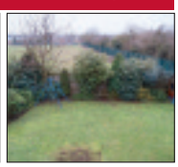
A unique five bedroom detached stone built property sympathetically designed in the Georgian Manor House style and benefits from a generous plot in a delightful location adjacent to the village green. The property is accessed via its own private driveway with beautifully landscaped gardens to front and rear offering a high degree of privacy. * Impressive hall with flagstone flooring *Kitchen/breakfast room *Lounge *Dining room *Study *Utility room *Downstairs WC * Galleried landings *Five bedrooms * Three with en suite *Family bathroom.

Emerson Valley — £425,000

Situated in a desirable cul de sac in the highly sought after area of Emerson Valley this five bedroom detached residence offers a wealth of accommodation in a good school catchment area

*Lounge *dining room* study *kitchen/breakfast room *conservatory *utility, boot area and downstairs WC* two en suites and family bathroom* gardens to front and rear with ample off road parking* Viewing of this property is fully recommended to avoid disappointment*

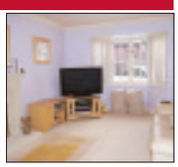
Bletchley — £469,000

A well presented and very spacious five bedroom detached executive residence situated on a private plot on the popular road of Whalley Drive and within close proximity to Bletchley's mainline railway station.

*lounge * dining room * study * kitchen/family room * cloakroom * five bedrooms * two en suites and family bathroom *generous gardens to front and rear * private access to the gravel driveway*

Shenley Brook End — £350,000



This attractive 4 bedroom detached executive residence boasts a generous plot and is located in a desirable off-road position in Shenley Brook End.

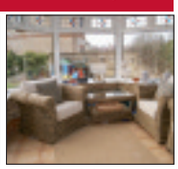
* lounge * dining room * study *kitchen/breakfast room *utility and w/c *4 bedrooms with en suite to the master *family bathroom *ample parking for 4 vehicles *double garage* beautifully landscaped garden to rear*

Oakhill — £389,950

A immaculately presented 6/7 bedroom detached executive residence situated on a generous plot in Oakhill.

*lounge * dining room * kitchen/family room *study *utility and cloakroom* 6 bedrooms* 3 bathrooms and family room * off road parking in front of the garage and in our opinion a large rear garden *

Shenley Church End — £389,950



This beautifully presented four bed detached executive residence is situated on a large plot in the sought after area of Shenley Church End.

*large entrance hall and galleried landing *lounge *dining room *study, *conservatory *kitchen/breakfast room *utility and w/c * four bedrooms* en-suite to master and family bathroom* large driveway * double garage *generous gardens*

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Blakelands OIEO £210,000

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- Link Detached
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking & Garage

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Springfield £155,000

- Three Bedroom Property
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Study
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

Milton Keynes OIEO £200,000

- 3 Bedroom Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

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Bradwell £125,000

- 3 Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Double Glazing
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

Oxley Park £60,000

- 1 Bedroom
- Apartment
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Off Road Parking
- Shared Ownership

Shenley Church End £150,000

- Two Bedroom Property
- Double Glazing
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking

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Great Holm £49,995

- Two Bedroom Property
- Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Shared Ownership
- Must be Viewed!

Milton Keynes OIEO £145,995

- 3 Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Double Glazing
- Lounge
- Kitchen/ Dining Room
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden

Emerson Valley Fixed Price £210,000

- Three Bedroom
- Detached Property
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

WANTED!

3 bed detached in the Shenley's! Call 01908 678151 if you can help!

WANTED!

4 bed detached in Westcroft! Call 01908 678151 if you can help!

WANTED!

2 bed properties in Emerson Valley! Call 01908 678151 if you can help!

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Broughton OIEO £190,000

- Very Well Presented
- Three Bedroom Mews Style
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway
- Garage

Downs Barn £150,000

- Three Bedroom Property
- Mid Terrace
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- No Upper Chain!

Old Farm Park £49,400

- Two Bedroom Property
- Mid Terrace
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Shared Ownership

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Oxley Park £249,995

- Recently Constructed Property
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Cloakroom
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

Bancroft Park £289,995

- Four Bedrooms
- Dining Room
- Kitchen Breakfast Room
- Re-Fitted Utility Room
- Lounge
- Ensuite
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

Tinkers Bridge £125,000

- Three Bedroom Property
- Double Glazing
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

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Stantonbury £125,000

- Four Bedroom Property
- End of Terrace
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage

Milton Keynes £127,500

- 3 Bedroom Property
- Mid Terrace
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Downhead Park OIEO £265,000

- Well Presented
- Much Improved
- Four Bedroom
- Detached Home
- Separate Receptions
- Sun Lounge
- Refitted Kitchen
- Must Be Viewed!

WANTED!

2 beds in Old Farm Park! Call 01908 678151!

WANTED!

3 bed semi detached in Kents Hill! Call 01908 678151!

WANTED!

1 & 2 beds in Walnut Tree! Call 01908 678151!

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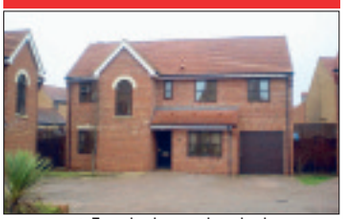
Mr & Mrs W are looking for a four bedroom detached property in Kingmead. If you are thinking of selling please call Taylors Westcroft on 01908 524456

Westcroft £299,995



- Four bedroom detached
- Separate reception rooms
- Kitchen/breakfast room and utility
- Two en suites
- Gardens and garage

Newton Longville £199,995

- Semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Rear garden
- Garage and off road parking

Counties £159,995

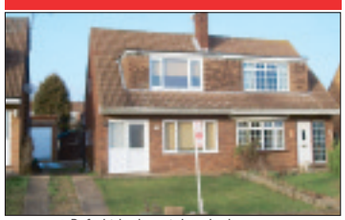
- Semi detached home
- Three bedrooms
- Re-fitted kitchen/diner
- Gardens
- Off road parking

Westcroft Guide Price £205,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen/diner
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing highly recommended

All types of property wanted in the Shenley's Please call 01908 524456 for a free Market Appraisal

Poets £159,995



- Refurbished semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Re-fitted kitchen/diner
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Gardens and off road parking

Buckingham Road £164,995

- Three bedroom property
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Offered for sale with no onward chain

Tattenhoe £144,995

- Well Presented
- Two Bedroom
- First Floor Apartment
- Lounge & Dining Area
- Kitchen
- En-Suite
- Allocated Parking Space
- Garage

Tattenhoe £239,995

- Three storey home
- Five bedrooms
- En suite to master bedroom
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Gardens, garage and off road parking
- No upper chain

Mr P is a first time buyer looking for a three or four bedroom detached house in Manor Park. Can you help?

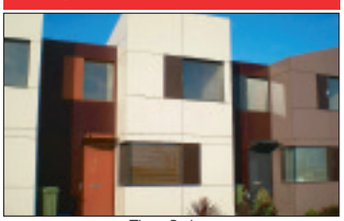
Barleyhurst £149,995

- Two Bedrooms
- Mid Terrace
- Entrance Porch
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Allocated Parking

Kingsmead £214,950

- Three Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- En Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

Oxley Park £84,000



- Three Bedroom
- Eco Terraced Home
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Utility/W.C.
- Garden and Parking
- Must Be Viewed!

Bletchley £149,995

- Three Bedrooms
- End of Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

Racecourses Guide Price £200,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Family Room
- En-suite to Master
- Off Road Parking

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Wolverton Guide Price £174,995

• Well Presented • Three Bedroom
• Victorian Style Property
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Double Glazing
• Refitted Kitchen and Bathroom
• Garden and Garage

Bradville OIEO £155,000

• Three Bedroom
• Semi Detached
• Lounge
• Kitchen/Diner
• Bathroom
• Rear garden
• Garage
• Off Road Parking

Stony Stratford Offers Over £147,000

• Semi detached home
• Three bedrooms
• Re-fitted kitchen
• Gardens to front and rear
• Off road parking

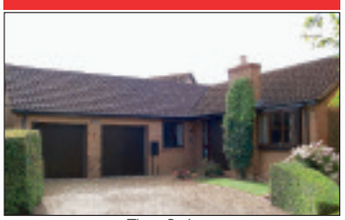
Potterspury Guide Price £179,995

• Three Bedroom Semi Detached
• Lounge/Diner
• Re-fitted Kitchen
• Conservatory
• Gardens and Garage

Old Wolverton £194,995

• Four Bedroom
• Semi-Detached
• Extended
• Shower Room
• Double Glazing
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Garage and Gardens

Blue Bridge OIEO £300,000



• Three Bedrooms
• Semi Detached
• Bungalow
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Garage
• Off Road Parking

Stony Stratford £199,995

• Individual Victorian Style Property
• Sash Style Windows
• Kitchen • Lounge/Diner
• Garden
• No Upper Chain
• Viewing is a Must!

Hanslope Offers over £190,000

• Well presented end of terrace home
• Three bedrooms
• Views onto countryside
• Re-fitted kitchen
• Re-fitted bathroom
• Gardens to front and rear

New Bradwell Guide Price £209,995

• Well Presented • Three Bedroom
• Detached Property • En Suite to Master
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Double Glazing
• Gardens, Garage and Off Road Parking
• Viewing Recommended

Wolverton OIEO £174,995

• Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
• Separate Receptions
• Gas Radiator
• Double Glazing
• Workshop/Double Garage
• No upper Chain

Potterspury Offers Over £135,000

• Three Bedroom Property
• Semi Detached
• Double Glazing
• Kitchen • Study/Utility
• Lounge • Large Garden
• No Upper Chain!

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Old Wolverton £189,995

• Very Well Presented
• Four Bedroom • Semi Detached Home
• Gas Central Heating
• Double Glazing
• Ensuite To Master
• Gardens and Garage

Wolverton Guide Price £154,995

• Two Bedroom
• Terraced Property
• Two Reception Rooms
• Cellarette
• Viewing Recommended

Stony Stratford Offers Over £232,500

• Three bedroom property
• Over three floors
• Character features
• Separate reception rooms
• Gardens to front and rear
• Off road parking

Yardley Gobion £210,000

• Very Well Presented
• Three Bedroom
• Detached Home
• Re-Fitted Kitchen
• Re-Fitted Bathroom
• Double Glazing • Garage

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NEWPORT PAGNELL £375,000

- Detached period property
- Three bedrooms
- Re-fitted bathroom and wet room
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Character features
- Gardens to front, side and rear

Olney £174,995

- Two bedrooms
- Semi Detached Property
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Garden

Emberton £224,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached Property
- Views Over Countryside To The Rear
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Downstairs Wet Room
- Off Road Parking

Newport Pagnell £249,995

- Semi Detached
- Four Double Bedroom
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility & Study Areas
- Cloakroom
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Family Room
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

Olney £169,995

- Second floor apartment
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge with Juliet balcony
- Kitchen
- Allocated parking

Lavendon £225,000

- Three bedroom detached
- Non estate location
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Separate receptions
- Garage and off road parking

Blakelands £164,995

- Fully Refurbished
- Two Bedroom
- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Lounge/Diner
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Front Garden
- Landscaped Rear Garden

Newport Pagnell OIEO £155,000

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Bathroom
- Front Garden
- Rear & Side Garden

Turvey 349,999

- 3 Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Downstairs cloakroom/shower room
- Sizeable rear garden
- Double garage and off road parking
- Potential to extend (subject to planning)

SSTC Newton Blossonville new builds

Mr and Mrs A are looking for a four bedroom house in Newport Pagnell

Mr and Mrs M are looking for a three bedroom house in Great Linford

Mr and Mrs S are urgently looking to find a four bedroom detached house in Olney, if you are looking to sell now or in the nearby future please give Steve Miller or Matthew Greenland a call for a free market appraisal on 01234 713333

Mr C is urgently looking for a two bedroom property in Olney, Emberton or surrounding villages, if you are looking to sell now or in the nearby future please give Steve Miller or Matthew Greenland for a free market appraisal on 01234 713333

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FACING PARKLAND £355,000

An enviable park side location for this versatile link detached home. With a striking front elevation and master bedroom suite with balcony views over the water feature parkland. Two bedrooms have en-suites and the rooms can be used for a number of uses if you don't need 6 bedrooms. Downstairs the dining room/snug flows from the kitchen. The Ludlow comes with garage and under croft double parking. Situated on the East of Milton Keynes with great M1 access and school catchments. •WHY NOT PART EXCHANGE•

MODERN LAYOUT 3 BEDROOM HOME £214,995

This 3 storey home has a modern layout. Benefiting from a contemporary kitchen/dining room and a lounge at the rear with French doors opening out onto the garden. There are 2 double bedrooms and a family bathroom on the first floor, whilst the spacious master bedroom and en-suite occupy the whole top floor. Situated on the East edge of Milton Keynes with superb M1 access.

TRADITIONAL 3 BEDROOM SEMI £230,000

This semi detached family home offers fantastic accommodation. There is a lounge/diner with French doors onto rear garden, 2 double bedrooms and a family bathroom to the first floor. The master bedroom and en-suite take up the whole top floor. This property is situated with great access to M1. Situated on the eastern edge of Milton Keynes.

APARTMENT IN VILLAGE SETTING £199,950

Rarely available 2 bedroom apartment in a village setting within Milton Keynes, surrounded by parkland and an original village church. This property offers an open plan lounge/dining area with separate kitchen. Master bedroom with en-suite, second bedroom and family bathroom. Situated near to junction 14 of the M1.

GOOD SIZED FAMILY HOME £229,995

Fantastic 3 bedroom townhouse with the living accommodation set over the ground and first floor. On the ground floor there is a family room, utility and downstairs cloakroom. The kitchen/breakfast room is set on the first floor as well as the living/dining room. There are 3 bedrooms, an en-suite and family bathroom. Set on the fringe of the new city with the river ouzel meandering past. A striking development with the convenience of the A5 trunk road a short drive. Also a range of amenities are available within walking distance. (Photos from similar showhome.)

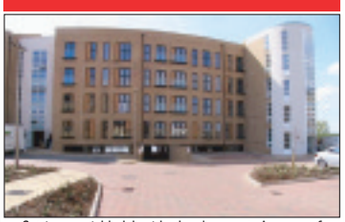
TRADITIONAL 4 BEDROOM DETACHED £275,000

This 4 bed, 2 bath home in our opinion offers everything you would need for a family lifestyle. The Farnham comprises of a 21'9" lounge, separate dining room, kitchen with a utility and a downstairs cloakroom. Upstairs there is a master bedroom with en-suite, 3 further bedrooms and a family bathroom. Outside there is a single garage. Situated on an exclusive development in the East of Milton Keynes. •PART EXCHANGE AVAILABLE•

SPACIOUS COACH HOUSE £175,000

This 2 bedroom home offers spacious living. It benefits from its own entrance, open plan kitchen/living area. Master bedroom with en-suite and built in wardrobes. The use of big windows to most rooms, offers a light airy feel to the contemporary design. Situated on the east of Milton Keynes, offering excellent access to the M1.

ONLY A FEW LEFT! £199,950



Set in a enviable lakeside development, A range of luxury 2 bedroom apartments with 2 Juliet balconies. Hotel style internal corridors with contemporary lifts and stairwell set the scene for entering your modern, light home with a excellent specification. Situated on the edge of Milton Keynes. Ready now, key in office.

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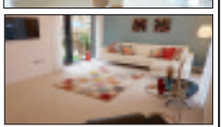

This contemporary home on corner plot offers a light and spacious L shaped layout with large expanses of glass and double aspect to most rooms. The versatile range of double bedrooms over the 3 floors, gives a variety of uses. Situated on the East edge of Milton Keynes with excellent M1 access.

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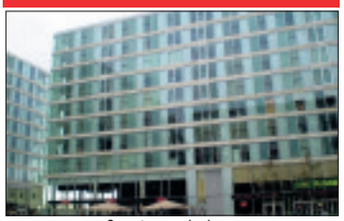

- Superior two bedroom
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- Superb 5 bedroom detached family home
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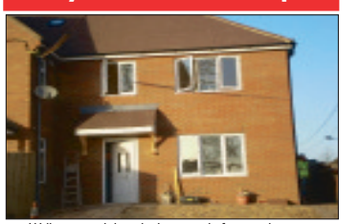

- Well presented three bedroom end of terraced property
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Stony Stratford £775pcm

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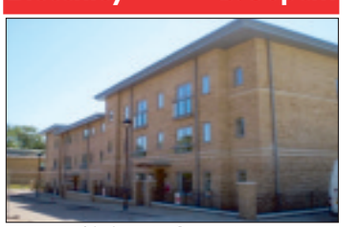

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- Newly built by Red Row Developments
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Bradville £750pcm

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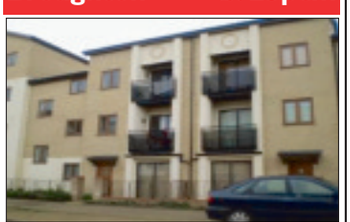
Broughton £725pcm



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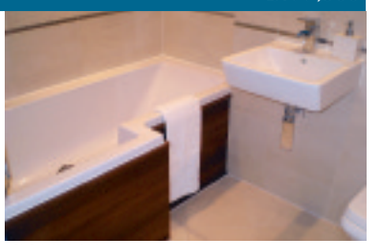

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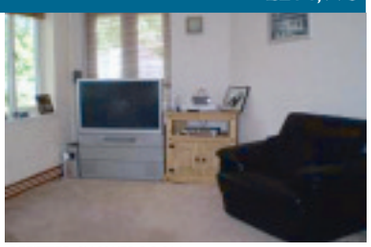

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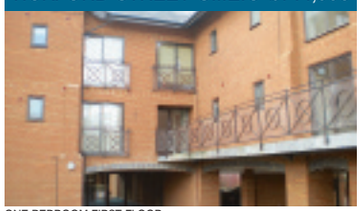

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"I looked at the prices people were asking for really tiny one-bedroom apartments and I just thought, I can't possibly afford that," she says. "When I saw what was on offer here I couldn't believe my luck. I have really landed on my feet."

Twenty-six year old Katie bought her apartment using the fifty per cent shared ownership scheme run by developer Places for People.

"I own half of the property on a hundred per cent mortgage and pay Places for People rent for the other fifty per cent. It still works out cheaper than the other places I looked at, and, I can buy more of the property later on if I want to – I've just got to save up."

Katie was particularly impressed with the speed with which her purchase was made. "I was right up against it, time-wise, as I needed to be in and ready for the start of term in September. They were so quick and efficient. Six weeks after I first looked round the flat I was signing the contract to buy it."

But now that she's moved in, what does Katie think about the apartment and about Wolverton Park itself? "Basically, I just can't wait for summer," she says. "I have a lovely little Juliet balcony which overlooks the canal and when the sun comes out it's going to be wonderful." She also says she's been amazed at the size of the property.

"It's just so much bigger than so many other places I looked at," she says. "When you buy a one-bedroomed place you worry that you won't be able to fit all your stuff in it. I have actually needed to go out to buy more furniture to fill it up properly."

As for the two acre park within the development, Katie thinks it will also get better and better when the seasons change and the sun comes back.

"The park itself is really big," she says. "It's absolutely lovely especially with the eco-pond and the bandstand. Everywhere looks so clean and tidy and untouched."

Even the best constructed new properties can have their teething problems and Katie says she is delighted with the after-sales service she has received.

"There was a little problem with the plumbing but the Facilities Manager came and sorted it out in no time so I was really impressed and pleased.

As a teacher, Katie works long days, often starting at seven in the morning and not getting home until six at night. However, she is not complaining.

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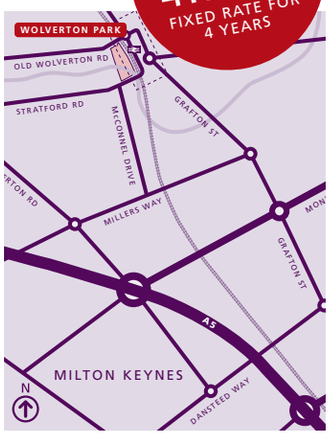

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Loughton

A charming 3 bedroom cottage in a superb location within walking distance of CMK rail station! The property has been the subject of much improvement with all bar one of the windows having been replaced, refitted bathroom and a loft conversion to provide a bedroom with an ensuite shower room. Well tended gardens to front and rear off road parking for 4 cars. A little gem!

Guide Price: £235,000

Woughton on the Green

A deceptively spacious 2 bedroom property in a prime location within Milton Keynes enjoying lovely views to the rear over recreation grounds and Linear Park. Refitted the Kitchen and Bathroom.
This is a great buy for a first time buyer or somebody downsizing. Viewing advised.

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Bradwell

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Guide Price: £330,000

Broughton Fields

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Guide Price: £1,500,000

Loughton

A semi detached period cottage in a fantastic location close to local amenities and within walking distance of CMK Rail Station.
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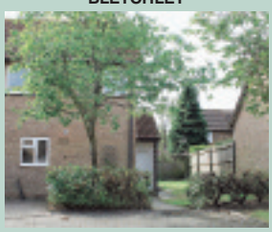

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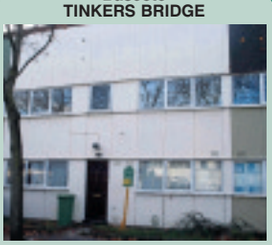

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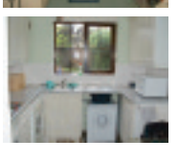

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Visits to the school are welcomed.

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Interviews: Wednesday 10th February 2010

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The Personnel Department
Bedford Modern School
Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7NT

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If you are interested in the above post, please contact us asap for a pack. Ian Redpath is available for informal discussions and tours. We will accept applications via letter and application form. The application form is available on the Bedford Borough Council website.

Posts working with either children and/or vulnerable adults will be subject to the disclosure of criminal records. Elstow Lower School is committed to Safe Guarding and The welfare of pupils and expects staff to share that commitment.

Closing date; 8th February, 9am
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Please telephone Lou Ellis (Headteacher's P.A.) at the school for further details and an application form.

The successful applicant will be required to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Closing Date: Wednesday 24th February, 2010

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Higher Level Teaching Assistant
(HLTA Level 4A, points 21-24)

This post offers an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic HLTA (or Senior TA on Level 3A who is interested in HLTA training) to support students in the Provision with life skills and their learning alongside the class teacher taking lead responsibility for the learning of small groups. The salary for this post is set at Level 4A (£16,727-£18,240 pa pro rata depending on experience), 37 hours per week, term-time.

SEN Administrator
(Level 2A, points 10-13)

The successful applicant will support the SENCO, Lead Teacher and Class Teachers with the administration of special educational needs across the ASC and mainstream settings. Ideally candidates would have experience of working in a school and be familiar with SEN administration needs and Annual Reviews. We also welcome applications from experienced administrators in other settings with the motivation to provide excellent support for students and staff. Hours are term time only, 25 hours per week; the salary is up to £9,125 pa depending on experience.

Candidates are most welcome to discuss the posts with the School SENCO or ASC staff and visits to the Provision are invited. For an appointment and an application pack please contact Mrs Wickersham, PA to the Headteacher, Station Road, Oakley, Bedford MK43 7RE. Telephone: 01234 822147. Facsimile: 01234 825923. Email: admin@lincroft.beds.sch.uk. Details can also be found on our website www.lincroftschool.co.uk

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Closing date Wednesday 24.2.10, Interviews 5.3.10.

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Lead Teacher for ASC
(2 SEN allowances plus TLR1)

The successful applicant will be an excellent teacher; providing strong and very effective leadership for the provision working alongside the School SENCO. You will be a qualified graduate teacher familiar with the TEACCH approach. Ideally, candidates would have experience of ASDAN, work experience and entry level qualifications in a special needs setting. A willingness to achieve SENCO standards would be expected. The TLR scale point would be dependant upon experience.

Teacher for ASC
(MPS plus SEN allowance)

The successful applicant will be an excellent graduate teacher; experienced teaching in a similar setting although a genuine interest to move into this area of special needs teaching will be given strong consideration. You will be familiar with the TEACCH approach or willing to develop expertise, in this regard. There is a mandatory SEN allowance (1SEN) with the potential of an additional discretionary point for an experienced candidate.

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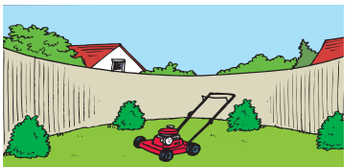

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Unfortunately our initial exhibition venu booked on a date in January. Thank you for those that tried to attend and were able to take a copy of the SPD away to read.

As promised we are re-running the exhibition at the above time and location. The exhibition is a summary of the information provided in the SPD itself. Officers from Aylesbury Vale District Council, Buckinghamshire County Council, and Milton Keynes Council will be present to help answer any questions you may have.

Please note that the consultation closes on the 3 March, it is not possible for us to extend the time period as it is set out in statute.

If you wish to know any more about the SPD in the mean time please see our website:
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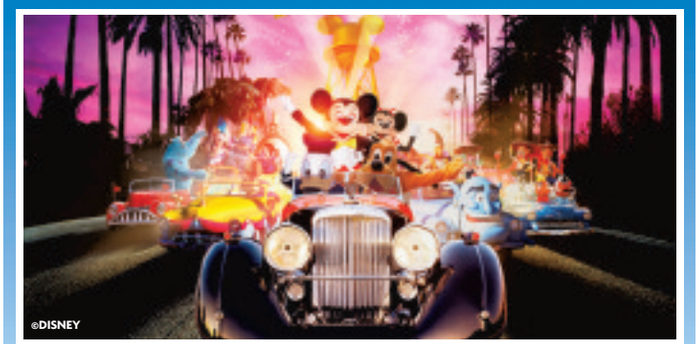

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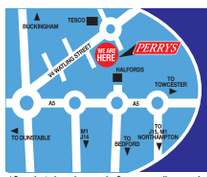

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August
08 Hartlepool	(H)	0-0
11 Swindon (CC)	(H)	1-4
15 Swindon	(A)	0-0
18 Tranmere	(A)	1-0
22 Colchester	(H)	2-1
29 Exeter	(A)	2-1

September
02 Dagenham & Redbridge (JPT)	(H)	3-1
05 Huddersfield	(H)	2-3
14 Norwich	(H)	2-1
19 Wycombe	(A)	1-0
26 Leeds	(H)	0-1
29 Oldham	(A)	1-2

October
03 Brighton	(A)	1-0
06 Southend (JPT)	(H)	2-0
10 Walsall	(H)	1-0
17 Gillingham	(H)	2-0
24 Southampton	(A)	1-3
31 Bristol Rovers	(H)	2-1

November
07 Macclesfield (FA Cup)	(H)	1-0
10 Northampton (JPT)	(H)	3-1
14 Charlton	(A)	1-5
20 Southend	(A)	1-2
24 Carlisle	(H)	3-4
28 Exeter (FA Cup)	(H)	4-3

December
01 Millwall	(A)	2-3
05 Yeovil	(H)	2-2
12 Leyton Orient	(A)	2-1
15 Hereford (JPT)	(A)	4-1
19 Brentford	(H)	0-1
26 Stockport	(H)	4-1
28 Huddersfield	(A)	0-1

January
02 Burnley (FA Cup)	(H)	1-2
16 Hartlepool	(A)	5-0
20 Soton (JPT)	(H)	0-1
23 Tranmere	(H)	1-0
26 Colchester	(A)	0-2
30 Exeter	(H)	1-1

February
06 Stockport	(A)	
09 Soton (JPT)	(A)	
13 Carlisle	(A)	
20 Southend	(H)	
23 Millwall	(H)	
27 Yeovil	(A)	

March
06 Leyton Orient	(H)	
09 Swindon T	(H)	
13 Brentford	(A)	
20 Southampton	(H)	
27 Gillingham	(A)	

April
03 Charlton	(H)	
05 Bristol Rovers	(A)	
10 Norwich	(A)	
13 Oldham	(H)	
17 Wycombe	(H)	
24 Leeds	(A)	

May
01 Brighton	(H)	
08 Walsall	(A)	

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Andros Townsend has the Exeter defence at full stretch

Corr-blimey!

MK DONS 1 Baldock 50

EXETER CITY 1 Corr 90

BY SIMONE CORGAN

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SKIPPER Dean Lewington has warned MK Dons they need to turn their form around to avoid missing out on the play-offs.

Following on from their midweek defeat at Colchester the Dons dropped more points when Barry Corr netted a 90th minute equaliser for Exeter City on Saturday.

Sam Baldock had set the Dons on their way to victory when he applied a fine finish past Grecians' keeper Andy Marriott five minutes into the second half.

But as has been the problem too often this season Paul Ince's men paid the price for failing to kill off the game.

In the assessment immediately after the game Lewington admitted it was two points lost, rather than a point won.

He said: "It's always disappointing to draw a game in the 90th minute, but that's what happens when you don't cut the game off."

When asked if the result dents their chances of the play-offs Lewington said: "I don't think it really does. Last year we saw Scunthorpe get in on the last day of the season and they got promoted. A win would have been nice, obviously, but we're still in and around it. There ares 18 games to go, if we put in a good run we should make the play-offs."

The physical encounter failed to spark into life at stadiummk, Luke Chadwick had a handful of shots that never really troubled Marriott, but it was Dons' Willy Gueret who kept the scores level at the other end.

Ryan Hartley rattled the post before Gueret made a terrific save to deny Marcus Stewart's follow-up attempt.

It proved to be a vital stop by the French goalkeeper as Dons were able to break the deadlock in the 50th minute.

Aaron Wilbraham's brilliant flick-on allowed Baldock to coax Marriott off his line before expertly powering into the net.

However, by failing to find a second Dons only had themselves to blame when Corr found himself unmarked to slide in the leveller – his fourth goal of the season against the Dons.

First team coach Alex Rae lamented the performance, he said: "To go in the lead we would expect to dig in and get three points. It was very disappointing because you want to win your home games, take points at home and it makes good reading if you can do that."

MK DONS: Gueret, Lewington (c), McCracken, Wilbraham, Baldock (Easter 76), Woodards, Leven, Powell (Carrington 45), Chadwick (Randall 71), Townsend. Booked: Townsend, Powell, McCracken, Gleeson, Wilbraham

EXETER CITY: Marriott, Tully, Duffy, Russell (Corr 52), Taylor (c), Harley, Stansfield, Goldbourne, Edwards (Burnell 79), Stewart (Long 32), Sercombe. Booked: Taylor, Logan, Stansfield

Referee Steve Cook (Surrey)

Attendance: 8,740

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Norwich	29	12	2	1	37	15	7	4	3	27	15	34	63
2	Leeds United	27	10	4	0	28	8	8	2	3	20	11	29	60
3	Charlton	28	9	5	1	31	17	6	5	2	20	14	20	55
4	Colchester	27	10	1	2	22	13	4	6	4	19	15	13	49
5	Swindon	26	8	4	1	22	12	5	5	3	18	20	8	48
6	Millwall	28	9	4	1	25	10	3	6	5	15	19	11	46
7	Huddersfield	26	10	4	0	36	9	3	2	7	13	20	20	45
8	**MK Dons**	**28**	**7**	**3**	**4**	**22**	**16**	**6**	**1**	**7**	**18**	**20**	**4**	**43**
9	Bristol Rovers	26	8	1	4	20	15	4	1	8	16	24	-3	38
10	Brentford	27	5	7	2	19	15	3	3	7	7	14	-3	34
11	Southampton	27	7	4	2	25	13	4	6	4	21	18	15	33
12	Carlisle	26	5	3	5	16	15	3	6	4	18	22	-3	33
13	Walsall	25	4	5	4	21	17	4	3	5	13	16	1	32
14	Yeovil	28	6	5	3	26	18	1	5	8	10	23	-5	31
15	Southend	28	5	5	4	18	18	3	2	9	14	21	-7	31
16	Hartlepool	29	5	4	5	15	18	3	3	9	20	27	-10	31
17	Leyton Orient	27	5	3	5	19	17	3	4	7	14	26	-10	31
18	Exeter	29	5	6	3	20	14	2	3	10	13	30	-11	30
19	Gillingham	28	7	5	2	20	7	0	3	11	11	31	-7	29
20	Brighton	27	2	2	9	11	22	5	5	4	22	24	-13	28
21	Oldham	25	3	5	5	11	15	3	3	6	9	15	-10	26
22	Tranmere	27	6	2	5	17	18	1	3	10	7	28	-22	26
23	Wycombe	29	3	3	8	14	21	2	5	8	16	31	-22	23
24	Stockport	27	1	3	9	12	28	2	4	8	10	23	-29	16

Not including last night's games

VIEW FROM THE MOOCAMP

Dons top cards chart

MK Dons have the worst discipline record in League One.

In fact they have the worst record across the Championship, League One and League Two.

The Dons have conceded 380 fouls in the league this season and picked up an incredible 78 yellow cards.

Prior to last night's fixtures Millwall were second in the chart with 362 fouls and Charlton in third with 357.

Fans forum

DONS supporters have their chance to voice their questions to key personnel at the club on Thursday night.

The Dons are hosting a Fans Forum at the red dot bar at stadiummk tomorrow evening with assistant manager Karl Robinson and skipper Dean Lewington on hand to answer on field matters.

Chairman Pete Winkelman. group director of sales and marketing Andrew Cullen and finance director Shaun O'Hara will also be able to talk about all other elements of the Dons.

Admission is free but only supporters with tickets for the evening, which are available from the MK Dons Box office and must be collected in person, can attend.

The event starts at 7.30pm.

Ladies keep fit

MK Dons Ladies football squad have teamed up with Newport Pagnell fitness club, energie Fitness for Women, in a bid to improve their chances of silverware this season.

Each Monday night, the squad of 22 girls aged between 17 and 24 will use energie's specially equipped fitness club and work to an individually tailored programme to find each player's full potential.

Currently fourth in the South East Women's Combination League, MK Dons have just three games left in the season to take the top spot from rivals Enfield Town.

Mitch on the move

PAUL Mitchell took his MK NEWS video blog to Vandyke Upper School in Leighton Buzzard for a look at MK Dons SET's development centres.

The centres are held across Milton Keynes and Leighton Buzzard so the MK Dons SET community ambassador went along to see what goes on.

VIDEO

Log-on to www.mk-news.co.uk to watch the latest instalment of Mitch's blog.

COMING UP

STOCKPORT COUNTY

League One
Saturday, February 6
Edgeley Park KO 3pm

STOCKPORT are continuing to fight for their place in League One next season.

But it appears to be a losing battle as they remain adrift at the foot of the table.

Former Dons Danny Swailes and Richie Partridge, who both switched to the Hatters in January, could make an appearance against their old team mates.

Dons welcome back Jude Stirling after serving a one match ban for his dismissal during the defeat to Colchester last week.

Last night Stockport were due to host fellow strugglers Oldham Athletic.

SOUTHAMPTON

JPT Southern Area Final second-leg
Tuesday, February 9
St Mary's Stadium KO 7.45pm

DONS head to Saint Mary's trailing Southampton by one goal.

The Saints won the first-leg 1-0 thanks to Michel Antonio's strike, and now the Dons have to win by two clear goals to if they are to make it to the JPT final.

If the aggregate score line is even after 90 minutes the Wembley finalist will be decided via a penalty shoot-out.

It is a big ask for the Dons having already lost 3-1 at St Mary's earlier in the season.

Saints' newly signed Jason Puncheon is cup tied and unable to play against his former side.

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Red Bull announce reserves

MOTOR RACING

RED Bull Racing have announced their reserve drivers for 2010.

The Milton Keynes-based racing outfit will have Australia's Daniel Ricciardo and New Zealand's Brendon Hartley on their subs bench for the upcoming season.

The race duo will alternate driver duties between Red Bull and sister company Scuderia Toro Rosso on a race to race basis.

Ricciardo is the reigning champion of the British Formula 3 series.

A native of Perth, the 20-year-old made a name for himself when his racing career bought him to Europe.

After competing in Formula Renault Italy in 2007, he moved to Formula Renault West European Cup in 2008 and won the title, by taking ten pole positions and eight victories.

He moved up a class in 2009 to the British Formula 3 Championship, where six wins and several points-scoring finishes saw him wrap up the Championship with two races to spare.

Ricciardo's team-mate Hartley hails from Palmerston North in New Zealand.

After impressing in Formula Ford and the Toyota Racing Series on home turf, Hartley, 20, also moved to Europe to progress his career. In 2006 he contested the Eurocup Formula Renault 2.0 and Formula Renault 2.0 Northern European Cup before winning the Eurocup title with a round to spare in 2007.

In 2008 he moved to the British Formula Three Championship where he finished third, before moving to the F3 Euro Series last year.

A recent highlight for the two drivers was taking part in the 2009 end of season F1 test in Jerez.

Hartley was at the wheel of the TR4 for Scuderia Toro Rosso, while Ricciardo drove the RB5 for Red Bull Racing for all three days.

On top of driving the cars, Ricciardo and Hartley will aattend driver meetings and familiarise themselves with the everyday workings of the garage.

Daniel Ricciardo

Brendon Hartley

ICE HOCKEY

Fightback impresses

MK Lightning extended their stay at the top of the table following another four point weekend.

Lightning's impressive streak continued in dramatic style after they fought back from 3-0 down at Basingstoke Bison to win 5-4 and emerging victorious in an entertaining game at Swindon Wildcats.

The weekend began with Lightning travelling to a packed out Swindon where they opened the lead on 4.40.

On the powerplay Lightning took advantage when Andre Smulter burst through to fire beyond Wildcat's Chris Douglas.

A matter of seconds later Swindon replied through Jozef Kohut and the score remained at one apiece at the end of the first period.

Breaking down the Wildcats' defence for a second time proved hard work for Lightning, but they were finally able to regain the lead on 34.45.

A mix up in front of the Wildcats' goal allowed Michael Wales to slide the puck across the line.

In the first period Leigh Jamieson, who picked up the man of the match award, slotted in Lightning's third of the afternoon.

But Swindon made sure two points would not come easy for Lightning when Raimonds Danilics pulled the score back to 3-2 on 56.20.

In their attempts to force overtime Swindon pulled their netminder with just over a minute to go, but the decision backfired when Smulter netted Lightning's fourth just before the buzzer.

Lightning come back from 3-0 down to extend their stay at top of the table

Leigh Jamieson fires the puck forward against Basingstoke Pic Jez Tibbetts

The following day Lightning had to show their resolve to come back from three goals down at Basingstoke.

Lightning went behind at Planet Ice when Kurt Reynolds struck in the opening two minutes before Ollie Bronnimann doubled the advantage.

Bison continued to get the better of Lightning in the second period when Enduring Lauko made it 3-0 at 20.47.

Lightning then snapped into life with Smulter bagging his third of the weekend, and Lukas Zatopek reducing the score to 3-2.

However, Bison restored a two goal lead with a strike from Bronnimann before the buzzer signalled the end of the second period.

In the final period Jamieson netted twice before Grant McPherson put his name on the score sheet to seal a less than comfortable win.

Lightning have confirmed the details of their English Premier Ice Hockey League Cup semi-final dates with Manchester Phoenix.

The first leg will take place in Manchester on Thursday, February 18, face off at 7.30pm, with the return leg set for Wednesday February, 24, face-off 7.30pm. The winner over two legs will meet either Slough Jets of Guildford Flames for the Cup.

The semi-final fixtures mean the Planet Ice Shield match with Basingstoke will be rearranged.

■ LIGHTNING are at home to Swindon Wildcats on Saturday. Face-off at Planet Ice is 7pm.

RUGBY

South West 1 East League

Wootton Bassett 21
Bletchley 33

BLETCHLEY went head through an early Phil Harman penalty and Kevin Turnbull's try, which was converted by George Harman.

Bassett then failed to take advantage of two penalties before Phil Harman struck three more points with his boot to move Bletchley 13-0 ahead.

The visitors continued to add to the score sheet with winger Matt Nobes crossing the line and George Harman converting a penalty, although Bassett were able to sandwich in a converted try of their own in between.

The Harman brothers then combined, with George scoring under the posts and Phil converting, to give Bletchley a 28-7 lead at half-time.

Bassett were up against it when John Kirwan went over for his first try for the first team but a dropped pass by Bletchley allowed the hosts to break away for a converted try.

Bassett grabbed another try late on yet it was not enough to prevent Bletchley winning the game.

Reading Abbey 22
Olney 21

OLNEY, on the back of their 50-0 thumping of Wootton Bassett, were in confident mood ahead of their trip to Reading Abbey.

And it showed in their early performance as Raana Peakman, Scott Filler and James Hawken grabbed a try each, and Hawken converted all three to give Olney a 21-3 lead.

Abbey however, managed to break through the Olney defence before half-time to narrow the score to 21-8.

An injury to fly half Dave Smith left Olney having to reshuffle their line-up and Reading Abbey took advantage.

The home team ran in a second try, struck two penalties and a drop goal in the final stages of the game to complete their comeback.

Southern Counties North

Milton Keynes 12
Windsor 0

MILTON Keynes remain in fourth place following their 12-0 win over Windsor.

A strong first half display earned MK the victory as they pinned Windsor back in their own 22 meters with the exception of one break away by the Windsor which was quickly stifled with a try saving tackle from Dave Matthews.

MK, looking to turn their possession into points, kicked a penalty to touch and from the resulting line out the MK pack drove over the line with hooker Rob Conway grabbing the touch down.

The conversion was missed but Simon Kockelbergh soon stretched MK's lead to ten points with a dash across the line.

Outside centre Phil Powell made up for his first conversion miss and added the points, making it 12 - 0.

Windsor came out the second half all guns blazing but MK's defence was resolute - despite Dan Walker being sent to the sin bin 20 minutes from time for a spear tackle.

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Jacob on the Button

BURY Lawn School pupil Jacob Stilp recently rubbed shoulders with Formula One champion Jenson Button.

The World Champion presented Stilp with his Karting Formula 3 trophies for achieving seventh over all in the 2009 Formula Kart Stars Championship.

Stilp was at the British Formula Racing car show held at the NEC in Birmingham.

He was also accoladed with a special prize for 'driver of the day', for his performance at Rowah in Cumbria where he was placed second.

His prize for this is an all expenses paid trip to the 2010 Monza Grand Prix in Italy to meet the drivers, teams and Formula One supremo Bernie Ecclestone.

Watch racing free

PUNTERS fancying a flutter will be heading to Towcester tomorrow.

Horse racing returns to Towcester Racecourse on Thursday with the first race scheduled for 1.40pm.

The last race of the day will take place at 4.40pm.

Entry to the Northamptonshire racecourse is free.

Rowers Ouse class

MK Rowing Club started this year's events with four wins at the Northampton Head race on Saturday.

The race, run over 1,800 metres on the River Ouse, was the first event of the year and saw eight different MKRC crews entered. The winning boats came from across the club with victories for the men's, women's and veterans squads.

It included a successful debut in the women's novice coxed four for Ashling Cronin and a first race win for Simon Cherril in the veteran C quad.

The team's successes came in the women's novice coxed four, the veteran C quad, veteran C double and men's novice double.

Frost hits football

ONLY a handful of matches went ahead in Molten Spartan South Midlands' division one as the frost cancelled most games.

Stony Stratford Town went ahead with their home match against Sport London e Benfica and ran out 4-0 winners.

Buckingham Athletic also beat Amersham Town 3-1, but New Bradwell St Peter's game against Harpenden Town was postponed.

In the United Counties Premier League a frozen pitch denied Newport Pagnell their game at Daventry United.

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Lions limp to semis

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MK Lions limped into the BBL Trophy semi-final in a hard-fought win over Worcester Wolves.

Vince Macaulay's men made life difficult for themselves last night at Middleton Hall as a wounded Wolves side kept biting back to get within five points in the final quarter, only for a late rally to secure the Lions spot in the last four.

Star player Yorick led the scoring for the Lions with 18 points to his name.

The Lions' captain says the new venue has won over the players: "As players we were somewhat taken aback by the transformation.

"The flooring, baskets, lighting, spectating, location and entertainment surely have to make for one of the best venues in the country and to have it as your home court week in, week out is a privilege."

Worcester, with Paul James – who will coach England for the commonwealth series in India this year – made a blistering start with Harry Disy opening the scoring before Mike New responded with Lions' first points of the game.

Wolves dominated early proceedings but, with just over two minutes remaining, a basket from Dawud Morris put Lions in front for the first time.

As the sides continued to trade scores the first quarter finished level on 20 points.

However, Lions then came to life in the second stanza with Spinks and Morris inspiring an 11-0 run for the home team. Two time-outs were called from the Wolves bench, and four minutes from the break they managed to register only their second score of the quarter.

Frank Holmes goes up for a basket

Momentum then swung in Worcester's favour as they clawed back to trail 42-33 at half-time.

And the Wolves continued to chip away at the Lions' lead and Macaulay's men were in danger of letting the game slip through their hands.

The introduction of Modestas Sidlauskas was key for the guests as he helped them reduce Lions' advantage to just five points.

But Lions blew their opponents away with three-pointers from Yorick Williams and EJ Harrison as they carried a 63-49 advantage into the final stages.

Wolves' Gilbert restarted the match in fine form with two three-pointers but Williams and Spinks also had triples of their own up their sleeves.

Holmes capped off Lions' late dominance with a slam-dunk so powerful the game was stopped for officials to reset the basket.

■ AT the weekend Lions leapfrogged over the Glasgow Rocks into third position in the BBL Championship thanks to a 91-107 victory over Everton Tigers.

An impressive personal tally of 29 points for Holmes, supporter by 25 from Harrison and Morris 18 were key to the result.

■ LIONS are back in league action on Saturday when they travel to Leicester Riders, tip-off 7.30pm. On Sunday they are away to Cheshire Jets, tip-off 5.30pm.

Dons set for hard scrap at Stockport

MK Dons are expecting a battle when they travel to Stockport County on Saturday.

Stockport are firmly rooted to the bottom of the table and remain odds-on favourites to be relegated to League Two.

But they have managed to add players over January, including former Dons Danny Swailes and Richie Partridge as well as the loan signings of Jemal Johnson and Jabo Ibehre, and coach Paul Mitchell believes no one should write them off.

He said: "January's been fantastic for them. They've brought in Danny Swailes, he's a quality centre-half, he needed games and he's gone elsewhere to get them - I think he'll do a really fantastic job.

"Richie brings that added experience for them, they've brought the lad David Perkins who I think is a very good player at this level, he'll get around and in people's faces which is just what you need when you're in a relegation battle. Add the quality of JJ and Jabo Ibehre, I think Abbott's done really well with his acquisitions and they'll be a strong test that's for sure."

The Dons will have to adapt to a physical style, which is something they have struggled to do of late, but Mitchell insists the Dons are not lacking that much-needed ugly streak.

He added: "You've got to match that side of the game because the teams down at the bottom bring that to the table first and foremost and if you don't match it you can find yourself under a lot of pressure."

The Dons resisted any last-minute panic buying on Monday when the January transfer window closed.

That is despite Jason Puncheon's loan spell being cut short as Plymouth sold the midfielder to the Dons' League One rivals Southampton over the weekend.

Mitchell, who is set to take his UEFA A licence in the summer, added: "We're happy with the quality of squad, there ares always players that you'd look at that maybe able to strengthen your squad, but the position we're in financially we're quite pleased with what we've got."

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